



JOHN E. CAMERON, 32°
Grand Master, 1926

John E. Cameron

John E. Cameron, Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina, was born in Greene County, North Carolina, on June 14th, 1866, the son of Mack and Eliza Cameron. He was educated at Kinston College, Kinston, North Carolina. After his graduation he assisted his father with his business and looked out after his farms.

He was appointed Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue of Eastern North Carolina, in 1890, and in 1896 County Commissioner of Lenoir County. He was appointed Highway Commissioner of the Second District of the State Highway Commission of North Carolina. He is now engaged in farming. He was made a Master Mason in Rountree Lodge, No. 243, in 1897. He has the peculiar honor of being Master of this Lodge for over 23 years.

He is a Past High Priest of Raleigh Chapter, No. 10, R. A. M.; Past Thrice Illustrious Master Raleigh Council Royal and Select Masters; Past Commander Raleigh Commandery, K. T.; Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina; Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of North Carolina; Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina; a Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite Mason; Past Potentate of Oasis Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

He has filled every office in the Grand Lodge to Grand Master to which he was unanimously elected January 21, 1926. He has been chairman of the Board of Custodians for twenty-eight years, and his work here has been a great benefit to North Carolina Masonry.

In 1890 he married Miss Ida Wiggins, daughter of Benjamin and Martha Ann Wiggins. He is the father of nine children, six sons and three daughters. He is an ardent Methodist and Steward of Sharon Methodist Church. He is an untiring worker in the Fraternity and his church. He possesses a heart that is known the State over for his deeds of charity, and the appeal of the widow and orphan has never been refused by him. He has been, and is now, devoted to the Fraternity and has made it his life's work and study, which thoroughly equips him for the arduous duties of the office of Grand Master.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
A. F. & A. M.
OF
NORTH CAROLINA
1926

1926
PRESS OF OXFORD ORPHANAGE
OXFORD, N. C.

Past Grand Masters

A LIST OF THE PAST GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND
LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM 1787 TO 1925,
INCLUSIVE, AND DATES WHEN ELECTED.

*Samuel Johnston -----1787	*R. W. Best-----1867
*Richard Caswell -----1788	*Robert B. Vance-----1868, '69
*Samuel Johnston 1789, '90 '91	*Charles C. Clark-----1870, '71
*William R. Davie, 1792, '93, -----'94, '95, '96, '97, '98	*John Nichols -----1872, '73
*William Polk --1799, 1800, '01	*George W. Blount --1874, '75
*John Louis Taylor, 1802, '03, '04	*Horace H. Munson--1876, '77
*John Hall -----1805, '06, '07	*William R. Cox-----1878, '79
*Benjamin Smith--1808, '09, '10	*Henry F. Grainger--1880, '81
*Robert Williams--1811, '12, '13	Robert Bingham--1882, '83, '84
*John L. Taylor, 1814, '15, '16	*Fabius H. Busbee----1885, '86
*Calvin Jones-----1817, '18, '19	*C. H. Robinson-----1887, '88
*John A. Cameron-----1820, '21	*Samuel H. Smith----1889, '90
*James Strudwick Smith--1822	*Hezekiah A. Gudger--1891, '92
*Robert Strange-----1823, '24	*John W. Cotten -----1893, '94
*H. G. Burton-----1825, '26	*Francis M. Moyer-----1895, '96
*L. D. Wilson-----1827, '28, '29	Walter E. Moore-----1897, '98
*R. D. Speight, Jr.----1830, '31	Richard J. Noble -----1899
*S. J. Baker -----1832	B. S. Royster -----1900, '01
*S. F. Patterson -----1833, '34	H. I. Clark -----1902, '03
*L. H. Martseller ----1835, '36	W. S. Liddell -----1904, '05
*D. W. Stone-----1837, '38, '39	Francis D. Winston--1906, '07
*S. J. Baker -----1840	Samuel M. Gattis----1908, '09
*D. L. Crenshaw-----1841	*Richard N. Hackett--1910, '11
*J. H. Wheeler-----1842, '43	W. B. McKoy -----1912
*P. W. Fanning ---1844, '45, '46	*F. M. Winchester -----1913
*W. F. Collins-----1847, '48, '49	Jno. T. Alderman -----1914
*A. T. Jerkins-----1850, '51, '52	F. P. Hobgood, Jr. -----1915
*Clement H. Jordan --1853, '54	A. B. Andrews, Jr. -----1916
*P. A. Holt-----1855, '56	Claude Leonard Pridgen--1917
*Alfred Martin-----1857, '58	George S. Norfleet -----1918
*Lewis S. Williams--1859, '60	Henry A. Grady -----1919
*W. G. Hill -----1861	James C. Braswell -----1920
*E. F. Watson -----1862, '63	J. Bailey Owen -----1921
*John McCormick -----1864	James H. Webb -----1922
*E. J. Reade -----1865, '66	Hubert McN. Poteat-----1923
	James LeG. Everett ----1924
	1925

Leon Cash

LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH
CAROLINA FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING
JANUARY A. L. 5926

ELECTIVE OFFICERS

M. W. J. E. Cameron	Grand Master	Kinston
R. W. J. H. Anderson	Deputy Grand Master	Fayetteville
R. W. R. C. Dunn	Senior Grand Warden	Enfield
R. W. J. J. Phoenix	Junior Grand Warden	Greensboro
R. W. B. R. Lacy	Grand Treasurer	Raleigh
R. W. W. W. Willson	Grand Secretary	Raleigh

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Rev. C. K. Proctor	Grand Chaplain	Rocky Mount
Rev. C. C. Weaver	Asso. Grand Chaplain	Winston-Salem
Rev. W. E. Poovey	Asso. Grand Chaplain	Marion
Rev. G. T. Bond	Asso. Grand Chaplain	Morganton
Rev. W. D. Parry	Asso. Grand Chaplain	Raleigh
W. R. F. Edwards	Grand Lecturer	Crumpler, Rt. 1
W. A. J. Harris	Senior Grand Deacon	Henderson
W. E. W. Timberlake, Jr.	Junior Grand Deacon	Wake Forest
W. B. S. Royster, Jr.	Grand Marshal	Oxford
W. J. W. Winborne	Grand Sword Bearer	Marion
W. H. C. Alexander	Grand Pursuivant	Charlotte
W. P. T. Wilson	Grand Steward	Winston-Salem
W. Roy F. Ebbs	Grand Steward	Asheville
W. W. D. Terry	Grand Tiler	Raleigh
W. C. T. McClenaghan	Asst. Grand Secretary	Raleigh
W. M. DeL. Haywood	Grand Historian	Raleigh
W. Homer Peele	Grand Auditor	Raleigh
W. R. H. Wright	Grand Orator	Greenville

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

P. G. M. B. S. Royster	Oxford	1927
P. G. M. F. D. Winston	Windsor	1928
P. G. M. J. T. Alderman	Henderson	1929
P. G. M. Geo. S. Norfleet	Winston-Salem	1930
P. G. M. S. M. Gattis	Hillsboro	1931

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS

Leon Cash	Winston-Salem	1927
C. B. Newcomb	Wilmington	1928
S. N. Boyce	Gastonia	1929

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS

J. W. Alford	Kenly
A. G. Cashion	Cornelius
J. M. Barber	Asheville
W. W. Holland	Charles
J. F. Marquette	Richlands
J. L. Nelson	Morganton

J. W. Patton	Elon College
J. W. Rowell	Wingate
K. W. Winstead	Bailey
P. C. Stott	Wendell

EDUCATIONAL FIELD SECRETARY

Rev. W. C. Wicker	Elon College
-------------------	--------------

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OXFORD ORPHANAGE

Geo. S. Norfleet (1927), T. A. Green (1928), A. B. Andrews (1929), J. Bailey Owen (1930), B. S. Royster (1931).

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME

J. E. Latham (1927), C. M. Vanstory (1928), Wm. Anderson (1928), J. E. Cameron (1928), W. W. Willson (1928), L. M. Clymer (1928), W. C. Wicker (1928), John Van Horn (1928), W. F. Randolph (1929), J. J. Phoenix (1929).

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

J. C. Braswell	Whitakers	1927
----------------	-----------	------

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

J. Edward Allen	Warrenton	1928
-----------------	-----------	------

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, 1926

District No. 1	C. M. Griggs, Jr., (317)	Elizabeth City
District No. 2	J. J. Taylor (653)	Powellsville
District No. 3	Jas. H. Harris (104)	Washington
District No. 4	A. M. Atkinson (447)	Enfield
District No. 5	H. E. Austin (78)	Greenville
District No. 6	R. B. Jones (642)	Pink Hill
District No. 7	A. D. Brooks (568)	New Bern
District No. 8	W. E. Koonce (564)	Comfort
District No. 9	L. Southerland (595)	Wallace
District No. 10	J. C. Hobbs, Jr., (1)	Wilmington
District No. 11	Robert Inman (528)	Fairmont
District No. 12	J. N. Hasty (495)	Rockingham
District No. 13	V. R. Johnson (102)	Pittsboro
District No. 14	Z. V. Snipes (147)	Dunn
District No. 15	Harrison Kauffman (40)	Raleigh
District No. 16	George H. Wilkerson (320)	Selma
District No. 17	John A. Winstead (85)	Nashville
District No. 18	John Benton (230)	Rocky Mount
District No. 19	H. A. Newell (229)	Henderson
District No. 20	Rev. B. E. Stanfield (172)	Creedmoor
District No. 21	Hubert M. Brown (352)	Durham
District No. 22	E. L. Somers (384)	Reidsville
District No. 23	R. K. Stewart (344)	High Point
District No. 24	W. A. Bunch (188)	Ashboro
District No. 25	J. G. Hudson (576)	Salisbury
District No. 26	J. E. Stewart (244)	Monroe
District No. 27	W. L. Hogan (530)	Charlotte
District No. 28	George L. Wright (462)	McAdenville
District No. 29	C. D. Stevenson (387)	Statesville
District No. 30	J. W. Hylton (167)	Winston-Salem
District No. 31	W. S. Reich (454)	Elkin

District No. 32	W. S. Reich (454)	Elkin
District No. 33	R. L. Proffitt (573)	Goshen
District No. 34	R. F. Edwards (467)	Crumpler, Rt. 1
District No. 35	R. T. Taylor (451)	Stony Fork
District No. 36	P. J. Suttlemyre (343)	Hickory
District No. 37	J. F. Roberts (202)	Shelby
District No. 38	R. M. Hall (482)	Saluda
District No. 39	G. C. Ward (446)	Biltmore
District No. 40	J. T. Riddle (554)	Spruce Pine
District No. 41	L. E. Green (259)	Waynesville
District No. 42	C. Z. Candler (513)	Sylva
District No. 43	J. W. S. Davis (529)	Andrews
District No. 44	J. M. Edwards (381)	Forest City

STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence—S. M. Gattis, (71), W. E. Moore (268), R. C. Dunn (447), J. L. Delaney (261), E. W. Timberlake Jr. (282), J. W. Winborne (237), B. S. Royster (396), W. H. S. Burgwyn (418), T. J. Harkins (118), C. B. Newcomb (1).

By-Laws—A. J. Harris (229).

Finance—A. B. Andrews (218), H. C. Alexander (31), P. T. Wilson (167), J. LeGrand Everett (495), W. Y. Warren (369), J. C. Hobbs, Jr. (1), Dr. Job Taylor (519), L. E. Green (259).

Oxford Orphanage—P. T. Wilson (167), H. G. Etheridge (118), R. A. Doughton (423), J. G. Hudson (576), R. J. Noble (84), R. K. Stewart (344), W. N. Sherrod (447), J. W. Hall (1).

Masonic and Eastern Star Home—Dr. J. S. Spurgeon, Chairman, (71), J. B. Griggs (317), F. O. Steele, Jr. (530), R. D. Shore (167), R. E. Paschal (542).

Masonic Temple—W. S. Liddell (31), R. J. Noble (84), A. J. Harris (229), C. T. McClenaghan (218), Jas. H. Webb (71), S. M. Gattis (71), Geo. S. Norfleet (167), B. S. Royster (396), W. W. Willson (40), J. Bailey Owen (229), J. LeGrand Everett (495), Harrison Kauffman (40).

Masonic Education—Dr. J. C. Braswell, Chairman, (447), Dr. Job Taylor, Secretary, (519), F. M. Pinnix (396), Geo. C. Cox (358), R. F. Ebbs (118), H. M. Poteat (282), J. Edward Allen (10).

Charters and Dispensations—R. F. Edwards (467), J. W. Patton (549), J. L. Nelson (217).

Committee on Appeals—Harry T. Patterson (3), H. H. Tate (237), W. S. Reich (454), H. M. Brandon (289), C. S. Chamberlain (4).

Propositions and Grievances—Geo. P. Burgwyn (56), B. E. Stanfield (172), C. P. Tyson (181), J. W. Hylton (167).

Committee on Credentials—F. Wm. E. Cullingford (31), J. E. W. Cook (1).

Committee on Charity—J. P. Pillsbury (218).

Unfinished Business—R. M. Hall (482), P. T. Harrington (629).

Necrology—F. D. Winston (5).

Masonic Loan Fund—J. E. Cameron, Chairman, (243), Leon Cash (167), J. H. Gorrell (282), J. H. Webb (71), R. H. Wright (78).

Foreign Correspondence—J. Edward Allen (10).

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Investigation of Lecture Service—C. B. Newcomb (1), A. B. Andrews (218), J. H. Anderson (8), F. M. Pinnix (396), H. M. Poteat (282).

Historic Committee—A. B. Andrews (218), J. Edward Allen (10).

To Mark the Grave of Past Grand Master Smith—C. B. Newcomb, Chairman (1), C. Ed. Taylor (249), T. E. Sprunt (319).

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION

Tuesday, January 19, 1926.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in its one hundred and thirty-ninth Annual Communication in the hall of the Masonic Temple, in the City of Raleigh, on Tuesday evening, January 19, 1926, at 7:30 o'clock, and was opened in ample form by M. W. Leon Cash, Grand Master, presiding, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges was represented.

The following invocation was offered by Rev. John F. McCuiston, Grand Chaplain:

Our Heavenly Father, we are gathered here tonight because Thou hast been merciful toward us, Thou hast vouchsafed blessings in an abundant measure. A year of labor has come to its close, and a new one is opening with this Grand Order. We thank Thee that every one in this presence acknowledges Thee as his God and we pray as his Redeemer also. We ask Thy blessing to rest upon the retiring Grand Master and upon all the retiring officers, and for those who may come in we pray Thy blessings. And now, may the services which this Order renders to humanity be pleasing in Thy sight, and may our interest and zeal for the helpless and dependent ones never waiver, nor lessen in efforts and labors for their good. We pray Thee that Thy blessing may rest upon each separate lodge represented in this gathering tonight, and may each brother go forth from this occasion with greater love for his fellowmen, and with greater zeal in pursuing those things pleasing in the sight of our Father in Heaven, and wilt Thou hear us, wilt Thou forgive our sins, and mistakes, and failures, in the name of Him who loved us and gave himself for us.—Amen.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. W. LEON CASH	Grand Master
R. W. J. E. CAMERON	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. J. H. ANDERSON	Senior Grand Warden
R. W. R. C. DUNN	Junior Grand Warden
R. W. H. R. WILLIAMSON, as	Grand Treasurer
R. W. W. W. WILLSON	Grand Secretary

APPOINTED OFFICERS

REV. JOHN F. MCCUISTON	Grand Chaplain
REV. W. E. POOVEY	Asst. Grand Chaplain
W. R. F. EDWARDS	Grand Lecturer
W. J. J. PHOENIX	Senior Grand Deacon
W. A. J. HARRIS	Junior Grand Deacon
W. E. W. TIMBERLAKE, JR.	Grand Marshal
W. B. S. ROYSTER, JR.	Grand Sword Bearer
W. J. W. WINBORNE	Grand Pursuivant
W. H. C. ALEXANDER	Grand Stewart
W. P. T. WILSON	Grand Stewart
W. W. D. TERRY	Grand Tiler
W. C. T. MCCLENAGHAN	Asst. Grand Secretary
W. M. DEL. HAYWOOD	Grand Historian
W. HOMER PEELE	Grand Auditor
W. REV. C. C. WEAVER	Grand Orator

EDUCATIONAL FIELD SECRETARY

W. C. WICKER	Field Secretary
--------------	-----------------

PAST GRAND MASTERS PRESENT

Walter E. Moore, Richard J. Noble, B. S. Royster, H. I. Clark, W. S. Liddell, Francis D. Winston, S. M. Gattis, John T. Alderman, A. B. Andrews, James C. Braswell, J. Bailey Owen, James H. Webb, H. McNeill Poteat, J. LeGrand Everett.

GRAND CUSTODIANS

JOHN E. CAMERON	Kinston
C. B. NEWCOMB	Wilmington

ASSISTANT GRAND LECTURERS

J. W. ALFORD	Kenly
J. M. BARBER	Asheville
W. W. HOLLAND	Charles
J. F. MARQUETTE	Richlands
J. L. NELSON	Morganton

J. W. PATTON	Elon College
J. W. ROWELL	Wingate
K. W. WINSTEAD	Bailey
P. C. STOTT	Wendell

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS PRESENT

District No. 4	W. N. Sherrod (447)	Enfield
District No. 6	Rev. W. M. Baker (208)	Mt. Olive
District No. 7	A. D. Brooks (3)	New Bern
District No. 10	C. B. Newcomb (1)	Wilmington
District No. 13	Rev. B. E. Stanfield (172)	Jonesboro
District No. 15	Harrison Kauffman (40)	Raleigh
District No. 22	E. L. Somers (384)	Reidsville
District No. 23	R. K. Stewart (344)	High Point
District No. 25	J. G. Hudson (576)	Salisbury
District No. 27	W. L. Hogan (530)	Charlotte
District No. 29	W. W. Holland (226)	Charles
District No. 30	H. M. Brandon (289)	Winston-Salem
District No. 31	W. S. Reich (454)	Elkin
District No. 32	W. S. Reich (454)	Elkin
District No. 33	R. L. Proffitt (573)	Goshen
District No. 34	R. F. Edwards (467)	Crumpler, R. 1
District No. 36	P. J. Suttlemyre (343)	Hickory
District No. 38	R. M. Hall (482)	Saluda
District No. 39	J. W. McRary (118)	Asheville
District No. 40	J. T. Riddle (554)	Spruce Pine
District No. 41	L. E. Green (259)	Waynesville
District No. 43	J. W. S. Davis (529)	Andrews
District No. 44	J. M. Edwards (381)	Forest City

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE
GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Alabama	S. M. Gattis	Hillsboro
Arizona	D. P. Dellinger	Cherryville
Connecticut	Geo. P. Burgwyn	Jackson
District of Columbia	E. W. Timberlake	Wake Forest
Georgia	C. D. Bradham	New Bern
Illinois	P. T. Wilson	Winston-Salem
Louisiana	J. W. Winborne	Marion
Maryland	M. DeL. Haywood	Raleigh
Minnesota	F. D. Winston	Windsor
Missouri	W. E. Moore	Sylva
Nebraska	J. P. Pillsbury	Raleigh
Nevada	R. L. Brown	Oxford
New York	R. C. Dunn	Enfield
North Dakota	J. C. Braswell	Whitakers
Ohio	Leon Cash	Winston-Salem
Oklahoma	U. S. Spence	Carthage
Oregon	Geo. C. Cox	W. Raleigh
South Dakota	A. B. Andrews	Raleigh
Texas	J. E. Cameron	Kinston
Utah	J. T. Alderman	Henderson
Vermont	C. T. McClenaghan	Raleigh

Virginia	W. W. Willson	Raleigh
Washington	J. LeG. Everett	Rockingham
West Virginia	B. S. Royster	Oxford
Wisconsin	R. J. Noble	Selma

NORTH AMERICAN GRAND LODGES

British Columbia	H. I. Clark	Scotland Neck
Canada	H. M. Poteat	Wake Forest
Manitoba	R. M. Hall	Saluda
New Brunswick	W. S. Reich	Elkin
Nova Scotia	J. Bailey Owen	Henderson

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES

Costa Rica	C. M. Vanstory	Greensboro
New South Wales	W. Y. Warren	Gastonia
Queensland	J. W. Payne	Spencer
Scotland	Wm. R. Smith	Charlotte
South Australia	C. B. Newcomb	Wilmington
Victoria	J. H. Webb	Hillsboro
W. Australia	J. J. Phoenix	Greensboro

The roll of Standing Committees was called and the majority of each found to be present.

Bro. F. Wm. E. Cullingford, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported that there were a large number of lodges who were present not entitled to representation by reason of the fact that the Grand Lodge per capita tax had not been paid by them before November 1st. Therefore, under the Code they were not entitled to representation without action by the Grand Lodge and the Committee recommended that the representatives of said lodges be seated in this Grand Lodge. Upon motion it was so ordered. Brother Cullingford then presented the following report; the reading of which was on motion dispensed with and it was recommitted with instructions to record the names of representatives as they presented themselves:

St. John's	No. 1	J. W. Hale, proxy for M.; J. C. Hobbs, Jr., proxy for S. W.; G. H. Fick, proxy for J. W.
St. John's	No. 3	Allee Cook, proxy for M.; Harry Lipman, S. W.; H. T. Patterson, proxy for J. W.
St. John's	No. 4	W. G. Grady, proxy for M.; Eli J. Perry, S. W.; C. S. Chamberlain, proxy for J. W.
Charity	No. 5	R. J. Shield, proxy for officers.
Unanimity	No. 7	G. E. Moore, M.
Phoenix	No. 8	L. F. Bullard, proxy for officers.
Johnston-Caswell,	No. 10	J. Edw. Allen, proxy for officers.

Phalanx	No. 31	Jos. F. Woodruff, M.; J. M. Chesnut, S. W.; W. J. Crichton, Jr., J. W.
Stokes	No. 32	L. A. Bickle and E. W. Klutz, proxy for officers.
Hiram	No. 40	O. A. Tucker, M.; A. A. Aronson, S. W.; W. J. Richardson, J. W.
Liberty	No. 45	H. A. Cranor, M.
Hall	No. 53	S. F. Staples, proxy for officers.
King Solomon	No. 56	G. P. Burgwyn, proxy for officers.
Kilwinning	No. 64	J. F. Williamson, M., B. T. Hill, J. W.
Eagle	No. 71	C. M. Walker, J. W.
Greensboro	No. 76	Whitt R. Stone, S. W.
LaFayette	No. 83	W. D. Sabiston, M.
Morning Star	No. 85	D. W. Perry, M.; J. C. Batchlor, S. W.
Joseph Warren	No. 92	L. A. Gardner, J. W.; H. E. Thompson, proxy for M. and S. W.
Neuse	No. 97	W. J. Rudy, M.; C. S. Bullock, S. W.; W. J. Norwood, J. W.
Fulton	No. 99	Wiley M. Pickens, M.; H. W. Goodson, J. W.; R. G. Williams, proxy for S. W.
Columbus	No. 102	W. L. Johnson, proxy for officers.
Orr	No. 104	H. H. McLean, S. W.; G. M. Harris, J. W.
Perquimans	No. 106	B. C. Berry, M.
Franklin	No. 109	C. H. Bushall, M.; J. L. Gible, proxy for S. and J. W.
Wayne	No. 112	R. H. Spence, M.; H. B. Parker, S. W.; F. L. Whelpley, proxy for J. W.
Person	No. 113	W. W. Morrell, M.; N. J. Todd, proxy for Wardens.
St. Alban's	No. 114	J. C. Bryant, M.
Holly Springs	No. 115	T. B. Johnson, proxy for M. and J. W.; R. C. Stephens, S. W.
Mount Lebanon	No. 117	Barnes Daniel, proxy for M.
Mount Hermon	No. 118	D. H. C. Beal, proxy for S. W.; W. E. Davis, M.; H. B. Leavitt, J. W.
Franklinton	No. 123	J. T. Sawyer, J. W.
Mill Creek	No. 125	Isiah Tart, M.; Paul Warren, S. W.; N. C. Lee, J. W.
Gatesville	No. 126	J. A. Eason, M.; R. F. Munns, J. W.; N. J. Riddick, proxy for S. W.
Dan River	No. 129	O. M. Whitback, M.; J. O. Busick, proxy for S. W.; H. C. Dixon, proxy for J. W.
Mocksville	No. 134	H. C. Merony and R. L. Fry, proxy for officers.
Leaksville	No. 136	E. M. Hodges, proxy for officers.
Lincoln	No. 137	L. C. Nix and D. A. Yoder, proxy for officers.
King Solomon	No. 138	S. V. Bowen, M.; L. A. Watts, S. W.
Mount Vernon	No. 143	R. M. Gorrell, S. W.
Palmyra	No. 147	H. W. Prince, M.; E. H. Alexander, J. W.; Z. V. Snipes, proxy for S. W.
Adoniram	No. 149	John S. Watkins, M.
Pee Dee	No. 150	W. A. Cooper, M.; J. Paul Lowder,

		proxy for S. and J. W.
Sanford	No. 151	J. W. Gilliam, M.
Scotch-Ireland	No. 154	W. F. Thompson, M.; T. A. Plyler, proxy for S. W.; B. R. Brown, J. W.
White Stone	No. 155	Hubert Eddins, M.; David C. Pearce, J. W.
Rolesville	No. 156	W. D. O'Neal, proxy for officers.
Knap of Reeds	No. 158	E. T. Mangum, M.
Archer	No. 165	J. W. Barnes, proxy for officers.
Winston	No. 167	J. W. Hylton, proxy for M. and S. W.; Jas. Miller, proxy for J. W.
Blackmer	No. 170	W. D. Wilder, proxy for officers.
Buffalo	No. 172	F. H. Brown, proxy for M.; L. P. Cox, S. W.; L. L. Thomas, proxy for J. W.
Geo. Washington,	No. 174	Ira H. Mills, S. W.; N. J. Wilson, proxy for M. and J. W.
Carthage	No. 181	S. W. Shields, M.
Sandy Creek	No. 185	J. L. Foster, S. W.
Central Cross	No. 187	Arthur Pierce, proxy for M.; W. E. G. Bowden, S. W.; W. H. Delbridge, proxy for J. W.
Balfour	No. 188	O. L. Presnell, M.
Cary	No. 198	E. C. Yates, J. W.; J. H. Ellington, proxy for M.; J. P. Hunter, proxy for J. W.
Cleveland	No. 202	J. F. Roberts, M.; C. E. Cline, S. W.; G. D. Washburn, J. W.
Roanoke	No. 203	R. F. Daniel, proxy for officers.
Long Creek	No. 205	T. W. Steward, M.
Mingo	No. 206	Geo. W. Wilson, M.; W. R. Warren, S. W.; D. M. Williford, J. W.
Lebanon	No. 207	Will W. Schulken, proxy for M.; J. S. Mann, proxy for S. W.
Eno	No. 210	E. M. Hendley, M.; J. M. Mangum and H. L. Smith, proxy for Wardens.
Thomasville	No. 214	James E. Lambeth, M.; J. W. Boyles, proxy for Wardens.
Wm. G. Hill	No. 218	E. E. Briggs, M.; I. D. Shunk, S. W.; J. L. Emanuel, J. W.
Henderson	No. 229	R. C. Gary, proxy for S. W.; G. B. Swindell, J. W.; J. Ed. James, M.
Wm. T. Bain	No. 231	B. B. Turner, S. W.
Anchor	No. 234	W. H. Powell, M.
Mystic Tie	No. 237	L. A. Neal, M.
Atlantic	No. 238	J. P. Murray, proxy for officers; M. V. Powers, alternate.
Rountree	No. 243	J. R. Cameron, M.; R. S. Hamilton, S. W.
Monroe	No. 244	W. C. Wolfe, proxy for M. and S. W.; J. C. Helms, J. W.
Catawba	No. 248	Clarence Clapp, proxy for officers.
Oaks	No. 255	James E. Williamson, proxy for offi- cers.
Kenly	No. 257	R. E. Parrish, M.; C. E. Howell, proxy for S. W.

Fuquay	No. 258	S. F. Lee, J. W.
Waynesville	No. 259	S. C. Plott, M.; W. C. Phillips, J. W.
Excelsior	No. 261	R. P. Steffey, M.; F. A. Martin, S. W.
Gaston	No. 263	J. L. Jordan, M.; J. P. Hoffman, proxy for S. and J. W.
Farmington	No. 265	J. F. Johnson, S. W.
Durbin	No. 266	L. G. Faircloth, proxy for officers.
Watauga	No. 273	John W. Hodges, proxy for officers.
Green Level	No. 277	T. C. Council, M.; G. T. Mills, J. W.
Wake Forest	No. 282	J. A. Yarborough, M.
Greenville	No. 284	A. W. Harris, M.; J. J. Gilbert, proxy for Wardens.
Salem	No. 289	I. W. Grogan, J. W.; Chas. Kimble, proxy for S. W.; G. E. Ashburn, M.
Atlantic	No. 294	E. H. Jones, proxy for officers.
Hunting Creek	No. 299	E. A. Windsor, proxy for officers.
Lillington	No. 302	John D. Johnson, M.; Neill McK. Sal- mon, S. W.
Pleasant Hill	No. 304	N. D. Westbrook, M.; C. C. Noble, S. W.
Laurinburg	No. 305	C. E. Muse, proxy for officers.
Raeford	No. 306	Edgar Hall, M.; W. P. Hawfield, J. W.
Hatcher	No. 310	B. K. Boykin, proxy for M.; G. V. Boyett, J. W.
King Solomon	No. 313	W. E. Graham, proxy for M.; W. G. Marley, proxy for S. and J. W.
Eureka	No. 317	W. F. Williams, M.; John B. Griggs, proxy for S. W.
Wilmington	No. 319	R. B. Roebuck, S. W.
Selma	No. 320	R. L. Adams, S. W.
Granite	No. 322	J. Weldon Parker, S. W.
Mattamuskeet	No. 328	T. J. Mann, and S. M. Long, proxy for officers.
Bayboro	No. 331	C. S. Weskett, M.; J. C. Wiley, S. W.; C. W. Gibbs, proxy for J. W.
Harmony	No. 340	T. B. Sasser, M.; C. S. Hinnant, S. W.; A. Hosea, J. W.
Rock Spring	No. 341	W. E. King, and G. F. Smith, proxy for officers.
Hickory	No. 343	E. D. Cline, proxy for officers.
Numa F. Reid	No. 344	G. C. Howard, Robert Brockett, W. E. Herndon, proxy for officers.
Stanly	No. 348	S. L. Gullledge, M.
Durham	No. 352	H. M. Brown, M.; D. A. Morris, S. W.; E. S. Noell, J. W.
Mount Vernon	No. 359	J. T. Wharton, J. W.
Snow	No. 363	S. F. Horton, S. W.
Craighead	No. 366	E. P. Page, M.; Wilson Alexander, proxy for S. W.; John Caldwell, proxy for J. W.
Gastonia	No. 369	W. P. Grier, S. W.
Mars Hill	No. 370	R. Y. Tilson, proxy for officers.
State Line	No. 375	A. F. Collins, J. W.
Life Boat	No. 376	B. J. Weathers, proxy for M.; J. K. Barnes, S. W.

Youngsville -----	No. 377	J. W. Hudson, S. W.; W. T. Moss, J. W.
Granville -----	No. 380	J. R. Davis, M.; C. M. Lawrence, proxy for S. W.; J. W. Chaplin, J. W.
Forest City -----	No. 381	John S. Wood, proxy for officers.
Reidsville -----	No. 384	Jas. F. Wommack, M.; F. E. Hester, proxy for S. and J. W.
Temperance -----	No. 389	W. B. Oliver, proxy for officers.
Lebanon -----	No. 391	D. L. Jones, S. W.; K. A. McDonald, proxy for M. and J. W.
Tally Ho -----	No. 393	J. G. Feizlar, J. W.; L. D. Franklin, proxy for M. and S. W.
Cape Fear -----	No. 394	R. A. Collier, M.
Orient -----	No. 395	L. P. Russell, J. W.; N. C. Shepard, proxy for M. and S. W.
Conoho -----	No. 399	McH. Savage, proxy for officers.
Ocean -----	No. 405	H. L. Joslyn, M.; A. D. Willis, Ernest Willis, proxies for Wardens.
Liberty Grove ---	No. 407	W. E. Comer, proxy for officers.
University -----	No. 408	J. B. Linker, J. W., and W. V. Parker, proxy for S. W.; J. O. Harmon, proxy for M.
Bula -----	No. 409	Lon G. Turner, S. W.; W. B. Sanders, proxy for J. W.
Rockville -----	No. 411	F. H. Brantley, proxy for M.; L. M. Batts, S. W.; C. E. Flora, J. W.
Louisburg -----	No. 413	Frank A. Roth, proxy for officers.
Maxton -----	No. 417	C. A. Hasty, M.; Geo. W. McLean, proxy for S. and J. W.
Greenwood -----	No. 419	J. C. Bain, proxy for officers.
Harmon -----	No. 420	J. Rockey Wilkins, proxy for officers.
Relief -----	No. 431	Geo. E. Parker, Jr., proxy for M.; Jno. R. McLamb, proxy for S. W.
Piney Creek ----	No. 432	D. B. Sturgill, J. W., and proxy for M. and S. W.
Vanceboro -----	No. 433	A. G. Lilly, proxy for officers.
Star -----	No. 437	Ben F. Auman, proxy for officers.
Biltmore -----	No. 446	O. W. Pondar, S. W.; E. W. Jones, J. W.
Enfield -----	No. 447	H. C. Durham, M. and proxy for J. W.; A. M. Atkinson, proxy for S. W.
Ashler -----	No. 451	B. T. Taylor, proxy for officers.
Grifton -----	No. 452	J. E. Ganis, M.
Clyde -----	No. 453	T. H. Haynes, proxy for officers.
Elkin -----	No. 454	S. O. Maguire, M.
Blowing Rock ---	No. 458	Thos. Coffey, Jr., proxy for officers.
King Hiram ----	No. 466	M. W. McArthur, proxy for officers.
Grassy Knob ----	No. 471	J. P. McCarter, S. W., and proxy for M. and J. W.
Grimesland -----	No. 475	W. E. Elks, M.
Eagle Springs ---	No. 477	J. C. Sullivan, J. W.
Four Oaks -----	No. 478	B. T. Barbour, S. W.; W. J. Lewis, proxy for M. and J. W.
Mill Creek -----	No. 480	K. L. Rose, proxy for M.; H. V. Rose, proxy for S. W.; L. G. Westbrook, proxy for J. W.

Spring Hope	No. 481	G. E. Lamm, proxy for officers.
Southern Pines	No. 484	E. C. Eddy, M.; Jos. M. Townsend, proxy for Wardens.
Lawndale	No. 486	A. C. Edwards, M.
Statesville	No. 487	J. M. Carson, S. W.; H. H. Abernathy, proxy for M. and J. W.
Rich Square	No. 488	J. H. Brown, M.; C. A. Elliot, J. W.
Thos. M. Holt	No. 492	J. S. Cook, proxy for officers.
Pilot	No. 493	W. P. Henley, M.
Royal Hart	No. 497	T. N. Harrison, and J. H. Hamson, proxies for officers.
Ayden	No. 498	J. J. Grimsley, proxy for M.; G. F. Cameron, proxy for S. W.; H. G. Mumford, proxy for J. W.
Raleigh	No. 500	V. S. Caviness, proxy for M.
Red Springs	No. 501	A. P. Stephens, S. W.; proxy for M.; H. D. Baxley, J. W.
Cookville	No. 502	James E. Sain, proxy for officers.
Luke McGlaughan	No. 504	J. H. Copeland, proxy for officers.
Cherryville	No. 505	D. P. Dellinger, proxy for officers.
Roberdel	No. 507	C. W. Gibson, proxy for Wardens; T. J. Fletcher, M.
Belhaven	No. 509	L. T. Houston, proxy for officers.
Aulander	No. 516	S. A. Saunders, M.; S. W. Green, proxy for S. and J. W.
Farmville	No. 517	W. J. Rasberry, proxy for officers.
Winterville	No. 523	E. W. Braxton, proxy for M.; J. L. Rouse, proxy for Wardens.
Pendleton	No. 524	J. R. Taylor, M.
Rodgers	No. 525	W. L. Estridge, proxy for officers.
Andrews	No. 529	W. D. Whitaker, proxy for officers.
Joppa	No. 530	F. O. Steele, P.M., proxy for M.; A. B. Taylor, proxy for J. W.; C. S. Lef- ler, S. W.
Camp Call	No. 534	A. A. McEntyre, proxy for officers.
Hollis	No. 535	Clay Blanton, proxy for officers.
Williams	No. 538	E. G. Cashion, M.; W. H. Walley, proxy for S. W.; R. E. Hall, proxy for J. W.
Corinthian	No. 542	N. S. Fink, M.; R. E. Paschal, proxy for S. W.; B. S. Eldridge, proxy for J. W.
Spencer	No. 543	W. P. Neister, M.
Shelmerdine	No. 545	L. A. Stocks, M.
Maysville	No. 547	A. C. Foscue, M.
Elon	No. 549	W. J. Cotton, L. D. Martin, J. W.; T. E. Powell, proxy for officers.
Roman Eagle	No. 550	John G. Sloan, proxy for officers.
Revolution	No. 552	C. F. Phillips, M.
Vesper	No. 554	C. A. Peterson, M.
Ararat	No. 558	M. E. Bryant, S. W., and proxy for M. and J. W.

Tabor	No. 563	W. C. Graham, proxy for S. W.; L. G. Graham, proxy for J. W.
Wendell	No. 565	Jacob Deitz, M.
Doric	No. 568	J. A. Howell, S. W., and proxy for M.; R. C. Whitley, J. W.
St. Timothy	No. 575	D. Nance, proxy for officers.
Andrew Jackson	No. 576	D. M. Hunt, M.; J. C. Kessler, proxy for J. W.
Meadow Branch	No. 578	C. R. Chancey, J. W.
Lilesville	No. 582	W. W. Marsk, M.; Nelson P. Liles, proxy for Wardens.
Ionic	No. 583	T. F. Womble, M.; L. G. Jordon, S. W.
Roseboro	No. 585	Jesse E. Wilson, M.
Wallace	No. 595	R. L. Fields, proxy for M.; W. F. Murphy, Jr., J. W.
Waccamaw	No. 596	C. A. Lewis, proxy for officers.
Laurelbranch	No. 603	F. W. Royal, proxy for officers.
Chadbourn	No. 607	Jesse C. White, and J. H. Lane, proxy for S. and J. W.; C. L. Tate, M.
Grandview	No. 608	J. L. Mulkey, M.
Atkinson	No. 612	R. Lee Croom, M.
Midland	No. 618	R. L. Hartsell, proxy for officers.
John H. Mills	No. 624	P. A. Dukes, J. W., and proxy for S. W.; W. P. Winn, proxy for M.
Belmont	No. 627	T. A. Hanna, M.
Perfection	No. 628	F. A. White, M.
Walnut Cove	No. 629	P. T. Harrington, proxy for officers.
Norlina	No. 630	C. E. Mize, J. W.
Unionville	No. 632	Chas. H. Long and Buren C. Price, proxy for officers.
Bailey	No. 633	E. J. High, proxy for M.; W. I. Bissette, proxy for S. W.; L. R. Finch, proxy for J. W.
Goldsboro	No. 634	Wayne Jervis, proxy for M. and S. W.; W. G. Crawford, J. W.
Yadkin Falls	No. 637	J. B. Ray, M.; A. P. Allen, S. W.; E. M. Morgan, J. W.
Ashe	No. 640	T. B. Grayson, M.; Bernard B. Graybeal, proxy for S. and J. W.
Ellerbe	No. 641	E. E. Vuncanon, proxy for officers.
Victory	No. 642	T. A. Turner, M.; R. B. Jones, proxy for S. W.; W. G. Kornegay, proxy for J. W.
Lewiston	No. 645	Thos. N. Peele, S. W.
John A. Nichols	No. 650	James L. Brown, proxy for officers and Geo. W. Tilson.
Black River	No. 652	W. E. Bond, M.; D. D. Overby, S. W.; Eddie Warren J. W.
John C. Britton	No. 653	L. E. Dailey, proxy for officers.
Guilford	No. 656	M. A. White, M.
Keller Memorial	No. 657	A. L. Reinhardt, M.
Meadow	No. 661	J. C. Rush, proxy for officers.
Garland	U.D.	Abel Warren, M.; Warren Jackson, S. W.

Grand Master's Address

The Grand Master delivered the following Address, which was referred to the Board of General Purposes:

BRETHREN:

Greetings, hearty and whole-souled, to the 139th Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Under favorable conditions we stand again at the open door-way of a New Year, and note an hour that extends a beckoning hand for better Masonic service. Our hearts are gladdened when we see present the old familiar faces of those who, by their regular attendance and unstinted and unselfish service, for many years, have set a high goal for Masonic endeavor, and have made this Grand Lodge great. They are landmarks of Masonry, whose leadership we are glad to follow. And we welcome just as gladly those fine young men who are here for the first time, erect and clear-eyed; who are full of rich promise; who bring us their vision splendid, their high purposes, new plans and generous enthusiasm; and who will bring those visions, purposes, and plans to a timely fruition. We welcome you all and bid you enjoy with us and with each other the abundant fellowship and fraternal comradeship of this occasion. May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.

Last January you honored me with a year of service, and in accordance with Masonic usage, it now becomes my duty to render an account of my stewardship, which I shall endeavor to do briefly, with a minimum of detail, and still acquaint you with such essential facts, as I deem necessary to the welfare of Masonry, and a proper understanding of the situation; so that you may rightly judge whether as an unprofitable servant I bring my talent wrapped in a napkin and without usury, or whether like a faithful servant I shall gain your gracious approval by presenting a talent which has gained yet another.

FRATERNAL DEAD

We have just cause for rejoicing that death has not claimed any Present or Past Grand Officer of this

Grand Jurisdiction during the year. However, many Masons, good and true, who have wrought well in their circumscribed fields of action in the subordinate lodges, have laid aside their working tools and passed into the Great Beyond.

In our sister jurisdictions the toll has been heavy, and we mourn with them in the loss of their distinguished brethren. I ask you to stand and reverently join me in silent tribute to them.

The Committee on Necrology will later fittingly memorialize those good men and true whom we have loved and lost.

In this connection it is eminently fitting that I should call to your attention that Past Grand Master George S. Norfleet, in the midst of life, duty and usefulness, on Sunday, December 6th, suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home in Winston-Salem. His condition has slowly improved, and we now have hope of his ultimate recovery. All that medical skill and loving tenderness of relatives and friends can accomplish is being done for him, and we all are hoping and praying that this most beloved brother and Mason may be spared for many years of further usefulness and service. I request that this Grand Lodge send him a message expressive of our love, sympathy and hope for his speedy recovery.

OXFORD ORPHANAGE

Last year through the courtesy of Past Grand Master Everett, I attended two Directors' meetings of this admirable institution, in the capacity of an unofficial observer. This enabled me to learn something of the plans and purposes of the Board of Directors before my term of office began. Early in February, 1925, I also had the pleasure of spending two days at the Orphanage in company with Past Grand Master Andrews. We made a thorough and satisfactory inspection. In all I spent seven days on the grounds during the year, and am ready to go back the first chance I get. The Baby Cottage is my center of gravity.

"Where is heaven? Not afar
Hid away behind a star,
Not beyond the sculptured granite
Not upon another planet.
Is it only in the skies?
No—in little children's eyes."

The Superintendent and his staff of co-workers and the Board of Directors are all competent and efficient. The work is well planned and carefully carried out in all departments. A full report of the year's work and the needs of the institution for the coming year will be fully presented to you from the proper sources. I am sure you will commend the one and grant the other.

I cannot get my mind away from the fact that Oxford Orphanage should be a Masonic Institution supported entirely by Masons. I cannot believe that the fraternity in North Carolina is either unable or unwilling to foot the bills for its entire up-keep, and proper expansion; and I hope that the time will come when The Grand Lodge of North Carolina will not ask for the continuance of the State Appropriation to assist in the maintenance of the Orphanage. This institution is the just pride and crowning glory of North Carolina Masonry, and if our Craft will not rally to its support we will not rally to the support of anything.

But when this institution is supported entirely by Masonic benefactions we must see carefully to it that Masonry is benevolent enough and broad enough to still admit any orphan from anywhere. The pity of the orphan's need should be sufficient warrant to cause the doors to swing wide open and provide love and sympathy and all necessary things to all the needy. The proportion of Masonic and non-Masonic inmates can well be changed, but it ought never to be said of Masons that they are selfish to the point they are unwilling to relieve only the distress of those who are their natural charges.

And again, we must carefully guard the name and fame of the Orphanage, lest some with ulterior motive or sinister design may try to circumscribe its activities or handicap its good work.

I recommend as a fitting monument to the father of the Orphanage—Honest John Nichols—that the new school building be called the John Nichols School.

ORPHANS' FRIEND AND PRINT SHOP

I wish to commend fully the increased worth of the "Orphans' Friend" as a Masonic journal well worth while. Every Mason in North Carolina will be benefitted by reading it. Bro. F. M. Pinnix, the Editor, is to be congratulated upon the strong editorial page which appears each week. His admirable sketch of the Orphanage, published

in the January "Master Mason" is a fine specimen of the kind of work which trickles from his pen.

The Print Shop is to be commended for the variety and quality of work turned out. The Proceedings this year were issued several months earlier than usual by good team work between the Grand Secretary's office and the Print Shop. Brother Remsen promised to have the complete Proceedings out in two weeks from the time the last copy was filed, but a complete copy was on my desk in just eight days after the copy was delivered. Much credit is due him and his "boys" for this scoop.

MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME

I have attended three meetings of the Directors of this institution this year and last—one for Past Grand Master Everett and two for myself. This is a wonderful institution. It enables the old people to enjoy much of satisfaction and contentment. Before they came the pinch of poverty and uncomfortable surroundings gave them a bleak and cheerless outlook for their later days. Now sunlight filters through the former gloom and they are glad to live awhile longer.

The Home was never in better condition. When Bro. John J. Phoenix was elected Secretary and Treasurer, a new set of double entry books were installed, and an audit just made of the year's work shows a well-financed and carefully managed institution. A budget has been prepared for this year and everything is being done in a business-like way.

I want to see the subordinate lodges show more interest in this worthy institution. A good way for them to start showing this would be to comply with the law by having a Masonic and Eastern Star Home Committee appointed in each lodge, and then let the committees get busy.

The Eastern Star chapters have always evidenced a more commendable interest than the Masonic lodges. Last year the Grand Chapter and subordinate chapters contributed to its maintenance more than \$8000. This was good work well done, and due appreciation and credit should be accorded them for their successful efforts.

The work needs expansion by building a new unit to provide additional rooms for the accommodation of more guests and hospital facilities. The present plan is the erection of a new building at an early date, one-half to

be used to take care of guests, and the other half for a hospital. This will entail the expenditure of at least \$100,000, and this session of the Grand Lodge will be asked for an appropriation to be spread over a term of years for this purpose, all of which I approve.

A wonderful event took place at the Home January 1st, when the Chaplain, Rev. J. W. Wellons, celebrated his one hundredth birthday. Doctor Wellons is unusually hale and hearty considering his extreme weight of years, and all hope he will be spared several more years. If any member of this Grand Lodge is apprehensive of early immortality we recommend to him that life at the Home seems conducive to longevity.

A Grand Master is a bird of passage—here today and gone tomorrow. Our institutions are governed by permanent bodies, capable and competent, with clear vision and real purpose. They plan and execute and prepare budgets with full knowledge of needs. They are also familiar with the ability of the Grand Lodge to provide. About all your presiding officer can do is to tune in, help where he can and not obstruct the march of progress. For this reason in speaking of our institutions I have tried to make brief, helpful comment, and let it go at that.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

I was unable to attend the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Association held at Alexandria, Virginia, in February, but delegated Grand Steward P. T. Wilson to act as my proxy on that occasion. Full reports as to the progress of the Association and the interesting events of this meeting will be made by our State Chairman, Grand Secretary Willson.

MASONIC LOAN FUND

This fund now in its fourth year amounts to \$35,000. The report of the committee will be read by Past Grand Master Poteat. I heartily recommend the continuance of our annual appropriation of \$3000.

The "Orphans' Friend" of September 4, 1925, contained an excellent write-up of this fund. Brother Andrews sent out three hundred copies of this issue, copies going to the four principal officers of each of the forty-nine American Grand Lodges and nine Canadian

Grand Lodges. Acknowledgements have been received from more than sixty brethren in these jurisdictions, the last from the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. These acknowledgements show the far-reaching effect of what North Carolina Masons are doing in a practical way and how our pioneer work in this field is appreciated and patterned after in other grand jurisdictions. And thus are we advertised by our loving friends.

EDUCATIONAL FIELD WORK

As this work gains momentum results become more apparent. The Educational Field Secretary is instant in season and out of season. I cannot too highly commend the beneficial results of his earnest and efficient work. I bespeak for Brother Wicker a careful hearing of his excellent report.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

I wish to express my personal appreciation of the work of Bro. J. Edward Allen, Chairman of our Committee on Foreign Correspondence. He has become nationally recognized as a leader in this coterie of distinguished Masons. His paper read before this Grand Lodge, January 15, 1924, in regard to recognition of Foreign Grand Lodges has become a national standard, and is in wide demand everywhere. He has also worked out statistical tables of much value. These alone would cause him to rank at least as second assistant to the recording angel. Past Grand Master A. B. Andrews has already been appointed first assistant.

Along three lines of endeavor North Carolina Masonry has achieved national distinction, and we shall do well to remember them: (1) The record made by Brother Allen as Foreign Correspondent, as outlined above; (2) as the pioneer with our Masonic Loan Fund, fostered and promulgated by Past Grand Master A. B. Andrews; (3) the standardizing of our educational work with a progressiveness and effectiveness unknown in other grand jurisdictions. This credit is due to the fine work of our Educational Field Secretary, Dr. W. C. Wicker and the Educational Committee.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

I did not attend the annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association held in Chicago in November, but

North Carolina was well represented by the other members. The formal report will be submitted to you by the Educational Field Secretary. We are fortunate in having with us the Secretary of the Association, Past Grand Master Randell, who will be accorded ample time in which to discuss fully the work of the Association. North Carolina Masonry appreciates its membership in the Association, and is thoroughly in sympathy with all its plans and purposes.

A conference of Grand Masters was held the day preceding the convening of the Masonic Service Association and Past Grand Master Braswell kindly consented to represent North Carolina, and he will make a report of the doings of this new activity.

CUSTODIANS AND LECTURERS

The Custodians and Lecturers are an important part of the machinery of this Grand Lodge. Having been closely associated with them for a long number of years, I realize as few do their unselfish work and their real worth to the Craft. The fine spirit of coöperation of the Lecturers with the educational work has been very beneficial to both, and the work of both needs to be more closely correlated.

I attended the summer meeting held at North Wilkesboro in August, and have never seen more happy results from any Masonic meeting. The impress for good in Wilkes and surroundings counties will be felt for years in the betterment of Masonic spirit and conditions.

The Lecturers are a poorly paid and hard worked body of men. The per diem now paid them is as much as the average local lodge can afford to pay. I have, therefore, recommended through the Custodians and the Finance Committee that a fund of \$2000 be set aside in Grand Lodge budget to be distributed on an equitable basis with which to supplement the salary of the Lecturers in recognition of their valuable and faithful service.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES

The district deputies are the key men of the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges. If we were all Methodists, we would call them the presiding elders of Masonry. This office should be magnified so that our very best men would always consider it a very high honor to

serve in this relation. All the plans and purposes of Masonry go steadily forward in every district that is served by an active, experienced and diplomatic deputy. They hook up the work of the subordinate lodges with the Grand Lodge and serve side by side with the Lecturers in their work, and with Brother Wicker in all the educational activities. I feel I could have accomplished very little during my term of office without the valuable support of those very necessary and valuable assistants. They are nearly all active and effective. A very few I have not heard from since I sent out their commissions, but I hope they are still living and enjoying life.

HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA MASONRY

There is no published history of North Carolina Masonry on record as such except the very brief but valuable Historical Synopsis consisting of fourteen printed pages from pages ix to xxiii in the 1924 Code. We have a record of which we are indeed proud, and of right ought to be. Our illustrious past is a fertile field which to the patient gleaner will yield a rich and wonderful harvest. Many valuable records are already perhaps gone forever because a thoughtful pen did not record and preserve them. Our early Masonic history is also the Masonic history of Tennessee and Missouri, and of all Grand Lodges north and west of Missouri, except California; that of Tennessee being identical with ours until 1813 when the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was chartered by The Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Bro. Charles Comstock, Past Grand Master of Tennessee, suggests that the Grand Lodges of North Carolina and Tennessee unite in having written a joint Masonic History of the two States, covering the period up to 1813. The Historical Committee of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee has been collecting data for three years for writing a history of their Grand Lodge. I heartily recommend that we join them in having written this joint history up to 1813, and to that end ask that a joint committee of three be appointed from this Grand Lodge to coöperate with a like committee from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee to take this matter into consideration, each committee to review the situation during the coming year in each jurisdiction, and that later the committees hold a joint conference and formulate a report with recommendations to be submitted to the respective Grand

Lodges in 1927. This report would cover size and scope of the work, cost of assembling and publication and other necessary details.

If this meets with your approval, I recommend that the committee consist of the Grand Historian and two other brethren to be appointed by the Grand Master.

I further recommend that the Finance Committee include in their budget an appropriation of not less than \$1000, as the finances will permit, to be laid out in assembling material.

I sincerely commend the careful consideration of this important matter.

CONSOLIDATION

One wise thing the Code Commission did was to incorporate in Chapter XIX a simple and direct plan for the consolidation of lodges. A year ago the Grand Secretary reported 451 lodges, this being a net decrease for the year of three. At the beginning of my term of office I was asked by an interested Mason how many lodges I expected to gain during the year. I replied I was hoping for a substantial decrease.

If I have had an obsession about any one thing Masonic during the year, it has been the subject of consolidation. It has lain near my heart and I have spread the propaganda on every opportune occasion. I believe this is one of the big and important things for North Carolina Masonry to consider. I do not think the issue should be forced, but that the reasons for it should be urged until the membership of the lodges in the smaller towns and rural districts will see that it is best for them as individuals, and best for Masonry as a whole. In union there is strength and when the small, weak lodges multiply their financial strength and leadership by consolidation it will place them in a position to do those necessary things they have never been able to do before. The noisy bickerings and petty animosities which now obtain on account of restricted jurisdiction where lodges have been planted at every cross road or small town, as they are in some sections, will disappear like mist before the sun, and the membership will be able to answer correctly the question, "What came you here to do?"

I sincerely believe that in this generation the opportunity will be given the country to come back into its own. Good roads, and the consolidation and improve-

ment of schools and churches will be the chief means to this end. The country is being recharted, and new life and liberty, and comfort and culture is coming out where the birds sing and the stars shine. Masonry must do its part in this work, and also share in the benefits of this richer rural civilization.

The average membership in North Carolina lodges is eighty-seven. The average for the United States is 186. There are twenty-eight lodges in North Carolina with a membership under twenty-five. There are fifty lodges with a membership under thirty. These lodges are too weak to stand alone, much less walk or work. But if they will hook up with the consolidated schools and the churches which have already seen the vision they will be able to accomplish something worth while, and have their part in the renaissance of their countryside.

There are one hundred counties in this Grand Jurisdiction, and at least one-third of these have too many lodges. A few others do not have enough. Two counties have no lodges. We ought to spare at least one each to these. Fourteen counties have one each, seventeen have two each, twelve have three each, twelve have four each, eleven have five each, ten have six each, six have seven each, three have eight each, five have nine each, two have ten each, two have eleven each, two have twelve each, one fifteen and one eighteen. Occasionally you will see the anomaly of one county having one lodge while the adjoining county of about the same size, about the same kind of people, about the same population and the same number of towns has eight or ten lodges. Somebody blundered.

I believe Masonry succeeds better in rural districts and small towns than any other fraternal order. A little reflection will cause you to admit this. But while Masonry has this tenacity of life it is still true that the life of these smaller lodges is not and cannot be the life more abundant. We have planted too many lodges with too few members in the hill.

We should not go to an extreme and consolidate too rapidly. In every case the step should be well considered, and then when done be done right. Personally I shall be satisfied to see it fully effected in five years, and with proper increase where necessary, have the total number of lodges decreased to four hundred or under.

On the other hand, in the cities we shall be wise if we follow there the lead of the churches and schools, and as the membership reaches the saturation point establish new lodges where the services of more men can be utilized in carrying forward the plans and purposes of Masonry.

INVASION OF TERRITORY

May 29, 1925, I received notice from Most Worshipful C. K. Chreitzberg, Grand Master of South Carolina, that his jurisdiction had been invaded by our State Line Lodge, No. 375, at Grover, by accepting the petition of George F. Cash, the material of one of the Gaffney, South Carolina lodges, and had elected, initiated and passed said Cash in State Line Lodge. It also developed that Cash had previously been rejected by a Lodge at Blacksburg, South Carolina, and this lodge later had had its charter revoked. I wrote the Grand Master of South Carolina disavowing the action of our State Line Lodge, and ordered State Line Lodge to forfeit the fees to the Grand Secretary of South Carolina and confer no further degrees upon the candidate, which orders were duly executed. This settlement was accepted as being entirely satisfactory to the Grand Master of South Carolina.

A few days ago I was informed by our Grand Secretary that this candidate had been given the third degree in South Carolina and was a member of Duncan Lodge, No. 256, Buffalo, South Carolina.

I do not know whether this closes the incident or not. It may be this Grand Lodge now feels aggrieved. If so the case is before you for reference to a committee, or for direct settlement. All I know is George seems to be the resourceful and persistent member of the Cash family.

RULINGS

(1) Lodge reversed for suspending five entered apprentices for failure to learn the catechism. These brethren had committed no Masonic offense. They had only failed to comply with that provision of the law which was necessary to entitle them to ask for further advancement.

(2) Interpretation of Section 104. The Grand Secretary in sending out a circular letter June 12, 1925, said "if one or more blackballs are cast his application for reinstatement is rejected, and no money is returned to

him." I objected and gave my reasons as follows: "A member of a lodge is suspended from Masonry because of the fact that he owes a definite sum for dues, which he either neglects or refuses to pay. When he applies for re-instatement he tenders payment of this amount, which is a necessary prerequisite to place him in good standing in case the ballot is favorable. In case he is rejected my opinion is that this amount, having been tendered the lodge for this specific purpose, should be returned to him. Otherwise, the lodge would be taking advantage of the fact that it had in its possession these funds paid to them for one purpose, and without the consent of the owner diverting them to a different purpose. I would consider it an anomaly for a man to be suspended for non-payment of dues, owe the lodge nothing, and be unable to re-affiliate himself."

(3) The manufacture of intoxicating liquors is classed both by State and Federal law as a more serious offense than selling intoxicating liquors (Section 151, Article 6), therefore, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina will accept for this offense no less penalty than that of expulsion.

(4) For the crime of adultery with a woman not related to Masonry I ruled the penalty must be expulsion.

(5) The Grand Master cannot grant dispensation allowing a subordinate lodge to hold its regular communication on any other date than that fixed by the by-laws of the lodge. (Section 107.)

(6) The Grand Lodge of North Carolina cannot act as administrator or guardian for minor children.

(7) If no testimony or evidence in a trial is submitted by the accused he shall have the right to open and close the argument. (Page 110-195.)

(8) For the best interest of Masonry it is permissible that a district deputy grand master may be permitted to attend a trial in any lodge in his district.

(9) When it is necessary in a trial to have a stenographer, he must be a Mason, but not necessarily a member of the trial lodge.

(10) An expelled Mason can only be restored to membership by the Grand Lodge. (Sections 236 and 237.)

(11) All appointive officers of subordinate lodges may be installed by proxy. (Section 84.)

(12) If a brother has filed a request for a demit, he may withdraw his application before any action is taken

by the lodge, and remain a member of the lodge from which he asked to withdraw. (Section 141.)

(13) No lodge can attend a religious service, or a funeral, in a body and duly clothed, unless the lodge is opened in due form before the service, and closed in due form after the service. (Regulation 156.)

(14) Question: Can a social function where the public are invited be held in a Masonic Hall? Answer: I find nothing in Chapter VIII of the Code which would prevent, but I think such affairs should be entirely Masonic functions.

(15) A lodge refused to issue demit to a brother whose dues were paid three months in advance and against whom there were no charges, until a dismissal fee of \$2.50 was paid. I ruled this by-law is in conflict with Sections 142 and 146, and that the demit must be issued without payment of the dismissal fee. (Sections 39 and 78.)

(16) Question: We have summoned a brother for trial in legal form but have no hope of getting a receipt as he has skipped the country for parts unknown. Regulation 320, page 101, has us puzzled and we would appreciate your advising us how to handle the matter if personal service or service by registered mail cannot be had. Answer: I do not think the law intends that a Mason may commit a serious offense and not be dealt with because his whereabouts are unknown. Send him a registered letter to his last known address, more than ten days previous to time set for trial. Should he fail to answer, or the registered letter be returned because unable to deliver, proceed with the trial ex parte. (Andrews' Revised Digest, paragraph 512.)

(17) The requirements of Section 101 in regard to the suspension of four members of a lodge were fully complied with. Upon notice properly made and seconded all were unanimously suspended. At the next regular communication objection was made that the suspension was not legal because of the blanket ballot. As the vote was unanimous and no objection filed until a later meeting, I ruled that the substantial requirements of the law were complied with and that the suspensions were legal.

(18) A lodge has no authority over an expelled Mason. If he persists in wearing a Masonic emblem after expulsion, he can only be dealt with through action in the courts of the State.

(19) I concurred in the action of Wayne Lodge, No. 112, in granting a demit to a good brother who had unwittingly accepted membership in a Canadian lodge, not knowing it was contrary to Section 94.

(20) Question: Is it legal under any circumstances to administer punishment upon a member found guilty of an offense without having notified the entire membership of the lodge? Answer: No. (Section 184, Regulations 231 and 232.)

(31) Question: We have a candidate who will not swear, but is willing to affirm. What shall we do about it? Answer: Masonry prescribes the verbiage which a candidate shall repeat in taking his obligations, and a candidate must accept the work as prescribed. This good brother no doubt thought he was doing right, but I do not think he knows more about this matter than the several hundred ministers who have taken their obligations in the manner required by the rules of the Grand Lodge.

(22) I refused to ask another grand jurisdiction for a waiver on a petitioner who had not resided in this State twelve months. Section 73 of the Code says "when a profane moves his residence from the state there is no jurisdiction possessed over such profane by any subordinate lodge of this grand jurisdiction and consequently none can be waived." To be consistent, the same ruling would apply when a profane moves into North Carolina, that none can be asked for. (Andrews' Digest, paragraph 717, also Sections 4 and 118.)

In my interpretation of the law I have tried to say what the law says, and where the law didn't seem to say I tried to use common sense. Not being a lawyer, or the son of a lawyer, but only the grandson of a lawyer I just did the best I could.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the Master and Wardens of each subordinate lodge be the Educational Committee of the lodge.

(2) That the Educational Secretary of each subordinate lodge be appointed at the same time all other appointive officers are named.

(3) At the 1924 communication the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens were made ex-officio members of all the boards and committees of which the Grand Master is ex-officio a member. I, therefore, recommend

that all expenses incurred by these brethren in the discharge of these duties during 1925 be paid, and that a Regulation be drawn providing for future payments.

(4) That all candidates of lodges in North Carolina must receive the first degree in the lodges electing them. Also our lodges will not be asked to confer the first degree as a courtesy to lodges outside of North Carolina, soldiers and sailors alone being excepted from these provisions.

(5) That Regulation No. 258 be abolished. This Regulation provides that all subordinate lodges not represented at Grand Lodge in three successive annual communications shall be deprived of their charters. Forced representation will always be unwilling representation. Many lodges have never been represented and never will be. Many do not feel able to be represented. Of course, all ought to be represented, but I really believe this Regulation which goes into effect in 1927 will work an unnecessary hardship on many small lodges.

(6) That Section 9 be amended to include all Appointive Grand Officers except the Grand Chaplain, Grand Tyler, Grand Historian, Auditor, Grand Librarian and Grand Orator.

(7) That a Regulation be drawn in connection with Section 104, providing that before a suspended brother be allowed to file an application for re-instatement he shall pay all arrearages due the lodge at the time of his suspension.

I have learned that some lodges handle the law very carelessly. The secretary of one lodge was told emphatically that the petition of a rejected applicant for the degrees could not be presented to the lodge again until twelve months had elapsed. He insisted that under certain conditions this had heretofore been allowed and "that there were certain ways of getting around things." I then informed him there would be no detouring this time, and that instead of fussing over rejections his lodge had better have a house-cleaning.

In another case the Secretary of one lodge complained that a neighboring lodge was invading the territory of his lodge and offering to accept petitions for the degrees for a smaller amount than provided by law, and that further, it was not the money his lodge was fighting for, but for the principle involved, because it is wrong and contrary to the laws of Masonry for one lodge to bid against another on candidates. And still further that

his own lodge was not even given a chance to better their bid on their own man. This case was inherited from my worthy predecessor, but was finally ironed out at my bidding.

One Master mailed to every member of his lodge a blank petition for the degrees and a letter which was inspired by a sincere desire to build up the membership of his lodge, and to serve the best interests of Masonry. But the letter was expressed in such a way that I was sure zealous brethren would go too far toward real solicitation. For this reason I considered it a very dangerous precedent and directed his District Deputy Grand Master to see him and sympathetically point out his error and order him to immediately send out another letter withdrawing the former one. I hope no definite damage was done.

MASTERS OF LODGES SUSPENDED

June 22, 1925, on complaint of members of Boiling Springs Lodge, No. 464, through their District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. J. D. Lineberger, I suspended _____, Master of the Lodge on the charge of forgery, he at that time being confined in the common jail of Rutherford county.

December 31, 1925, on complaint of Bro. Otis Dalton, Junior Warden of Mill Springs Lodge, No. 636, I suspended _____, Master of the Lodge, on the charge of seduction. He visited me at my office later and readily admitted his guilt.

DISPENSATIONS

Dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge at Garland, Sampson county, has been granted. I was uncertain of the wisdom of this action, as the new Lodge took several members from a small lodge, but gladly did so on the recommendation of Grand Lecturer Nelson, and Past Grand Master Grady that the establishment of this new Lodge was for the best interests of Masonry.

The usual number of dispensations were granted to elect officers out of time and for other necessary and proper reasons.

NEW CODE AND DIGEST

The new Code has now been in use long enough to be read and studied in all the lodges. The consensus of

opinion is that this is the best book of the law this Grand Lodge has ever had. The Craft is looking forward with pleasure to the early publication of the second edition of Andrews' Digest, which will be invaluable in its use in connection with the Code. But in spite of the admirable system of Masonic jurisprudence which these two books form, many officers of subordinate lodges will still prefer to write letters rather than read a little law at home.

MASONIC OFFENSES

If I understand words, Masonry has outlawed as members of the Craft all persons engaged in the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. I refer you to page 94 of the Code, Section 151, Article 6, sub-sections (a) and (b), and Regulation 213. I have informed lodges that neither they nor I had any option in the matter, and that any lodge that failed or refused to take action against any of their members thus engaged that their charters would be arrested. This is the cold finality of the law.

When one discusses personal habits I realize he is treading on dangerous ground. The Code uses an old-fashioned word in Section 151, Article 6, sub-section (c) when it says: "Drunkenness is a Masonic offense and lodges shall be more rigid in their discipline of such offense—" not should but shall. And on page 20, Regulation 39, the law is laid down regarding action for this offense during the session of the Grand Lodge, ending with the following declaration: "A brother who cannot repress the prompting of his viler appetites should hide himself in the obscurity of home and not come to Grand Lodge."

I know all sides of this question, both the inside and the outside of it, and I have been on all sides of it, both inside and outside. Only a merciful Providence keeps me from falling. Many men with this weakness have hearts of gold and delightful personal characteristics which attract men to them. Some are my best friends and I love them. On the other hand many who are not tempted are cold and unfeeling in their intolerance toward the weakness of the wayward, and know not the joy that sympathy gives the heart of both. Brotherly admonition will give strength and courage and confidence to the good intentions of him who loves not wisely but too well. You cannot be just or Masonic if you in-

voke the law before you try to help. A whisper of good counsel in the ear may be the due and timely notice of approaching danger, which may materially aid in substantial reformation.

LETTERS TO SUBORDINATE LODGES

During the year I realize I broke at least one precedent by not sending out a letter or two to subordinate lodges. This is sometimes very necessary and again may be only a harmless diversion. When I realized how little attention is often paid to these letters I reluctantly refrained. When anything broke loose I went or sent, or wrote. In some cases I tried absent treatment and found the reaction beneficial. I did, however, send out 10,000 letters to individual Masons asking for special contributions for the maintenance of Oxford Orphanage. I appreciate sincerely the hearty response of the brethren.

THE MAIMED AND UNFORTUNATE

During the year I received many letters about conferring the degrees upon those deformed by nature or maimed by accident. I steadfastly referred all comers to Section 117 and Regulation 19. The law in regard to this class of applicants is broader and much more generous than formerly, but I wish it were even still more so. I rejoice that Masonry is getting away from the false standard of physical perfection to the higher standard of moral perfection. This class of unfortunates since the World War has increased amazingly. When they are men of sufficient means, of integrity and high character, I would favor letting down the bars still more when they knock at the portals of Masonry. They are much to be preferred to physically perfect fellows whose tongues belch forth blasphemies and whose daily conversation is abominably unclean, whose bodies are putrid with immorality and whose souls are lecherous beyond description. To get one of these fellows decent he would have to be disinfected with aqua fortis.

WHAT DOES MASONRY MEAN TO US?

Masonry means to us just what we make of it in our daily life. If we confine our Masonic activities solely to ritualistic work our conception of its mission will be a limited one. But if we translate that work into terms of practical application of its lessons for the benefit of

ourselves and our fellowman, we shall realize that Freemasonry is synonymous with service and civic duty.

Freemasonry has always stood, and stands today, for free and compulsory education. Good citizenship rests in the ideals and integrity of its electorate, and a man's ideals and integrity can be no better than his knowledge. The American public school system is a heritage handed down to the Masons of today to guard, protect and foster. It is our Masonic duty to see to it that the American Public School is maintained at the highest degree of efficiency, under the sole dominion of the state, and entirely free from interference by any other influence, political or ecclesiastical. It becomes our duty to see to it that those who teach our children recognize their responsibilities; and that they shall be not only citizens of our country, speaking our language, but imbued with the spirit that originated our public school system and who cherish American ideals beyond any other influence.

One of the fundamentals guaranteed to us in our system of government is religious liberty and absolute separation of church and state. The history of Masonry is the story of the development of liberty of conscience in religious matters. Masons, at the birth of our nation, wrote into our Constitution those provisions which insure our religious freedom. This heritage surely we of today should defend; and because we accept it as our right, we are sometimes blinded to the dangers that threaten its continuance. Freemasonry insists that no church, of whatever denomination, can be superior to the state, and that it cannot intrude its dogmas into civic and governmental affairs without interfering with the constitutional rights of the citizen.

"A Mason is a peaceable subject to the Civil Powers, wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in Plots or Conspiracies against the Peace and Welfare of the Nation." So reads the Ancient Charge; and Masonry has ever been an ardent champion of the constituted authority of self-government. Today we find these principles being undermined by disregard and disrespect of law by men of both high and low degree. Whole-hearted respect for the law of the land is a fundamental requirement of every Mason, and it is a Masonic duty to combat the enemies of our constitutional government. Masonry is Organized Patriotism.

At no period of the world's history has the principle of brotherhood applied with greater force to the problems of civilization than today, particularly in its relation to industrial conditions. More and more do we realize that in discussions between capital and labor the doctrine of selfishness breeds disaster; that might is not right between groups any more than between individuals; and that man cannot be independent of his fellowman. When the spirit and practice of brotherliness is applied to our industrial problems and we begin to think more of our duty toward our fellowman rather than of our rights against him, then will we be applying our Masonic teachings. With unrest and bitterness in evidence it is no time for true Masons to be sitting in their lodge rooms discussing ritualistic technicalities. Rather should we be translating the symbolism of Freemasonry into helpfulness and true Brotherhood. If, instead of attempting to solve disputes by strikes and riots, we would apply, in a practical way, the Masonic precepts of "who best can best work and best agree," people today would not be shivering and starving in the anthracite coalfields of the country.

The whole history of mankind shows that there is no substitute for brotherliness. Professions of brotherhood in a Masonic lodge are of no avail unless they are put into practice in daily life. It is the task of each individual Mason, in his contemplation of national, state and local problems, to apply these age-old, unselfish and fundamental principles revealed in the ritual.

If Freemasonry stands for anything at all it stands for service. Our predecessors laid the foundation of this democracy, and we are tied by the same bonds of obligation to protect our Republic and the principles for which it stands. Freemasons are builders, men engaged in constructive undertakings, and you as one of them cannot stand back and merely watch your fellow-workers. You believe in brotherhood, not as a platitude, but as a reality to be applied in daily life—and brotherhood implies service.

Every degree in Masonry carries a lesson that points to civic duty and our relationship with each other in social and business life. Consider, for example, the Masonic admonition concerning the division of our time and apply it to the disturbed labor conditions of today. "Eight hours for our usual vocations," although recognized by

Masons two centuries ago as a sane basis for a day's work, is now claimed by labor as a standard. But go a step further, and induce your fellowman to accept that other admonition which requires "eight hours for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother," and you have translated the doctrine of service into daily life in a way that would solve all our labor problems.

Though not interested in politics or platforms, though not concerned with personalities, Masonry nevertheless, through the education of the individual, stands squarely for moral principles in all civic affairs. She believes that the privileges of a free government are worth guarding; that her philosophy of human brotherhood squares with real Americanism; and that her manhood is a great moral force for the common good. And, believing this, she expects every man who subscribes to her obligations to practice the lessons she teaches.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

The work of the Grand Secretary's office increases yearly. The detail is infinite, and the responsibility heavy. If at any time this office should fail to function promptly and properly the interests of Masonry will immediately suffer and the injury will be at once apparent. This office is the great clearing-house of North Carolina Masonry, and should therefore be ball-bearing in its smoothness and perfect in its efficiency. The work of other officers and offices may stop, but this office like the brook must go on forever. For this reason the Grand Secretary must be an alert, active executive, with ample assistance and all necessary office equipment.

Brother Willson and his office force more than any other agency makes the administration of every Grand Master a success. I wish to publicly thank Brother Willson for his courtesy and assistance to me. If the present appropriation for the maintenance of this office is inadequate to produce the best results I heartily recommend an increase.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

The Order of the Eastern Star has developed wonderfully in the last few years, and Masonry should accord all proper coöperation to this branch of Masonry. If the Order of the Eastern Star had accomplished nothing beyond the fine work done in the management and support

of the Home at Greensboro, this alone would justify its existence.

VISITATIONS

During the year I was out of the State but twice. This was partly due to the fact that I was rather of the opinion that I was elected to try to serve the Craft here at home, rather than elsewhere.

I visited Roman Eagle Lodge at Danville, Va., in company with Brother Wicker, Educational Field Secretary. We were very cordially greeted and amply feasted. I enjoyed the fellowship of the Virginia brethren and was delighted with the honor shown me.

In October, accompanied by Past Grand Master Andrews, I visited the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which held its session in Macon. This was a very enjoyable occasion and every possible courtesy was shown us. Brother Andrews, by request, addressed the Grand Lodge on the subject of our Masonic Loan Fund, and his speech is printed in full in the December number of the "Masonic Home Messenger," the organ of the Georgia Grand Lodge.

May 8, 1925, by invitation of the three Charlotte Lodges, the Grand Master of South Carolina, Bro. C. K. Chreitzberg, brought a degree team to Charlotte and conferred the Master's degree. This was a peaceful invasion and I went down and welcomed the invaders; I was glad to learn that Grand Master Chreitzberg could confer the degree in a creditable and impressive manner. I was much interested because the work is so different from ours.

In my visits to our own lodges I tried to tread virgin territory as far as possible. I was in many counties where I was told a Grand Master had never been before. The brethren seemed to appreciate my presence and I know I enjoyed every visit I made. I wish I could have followed up this work and stayed in the field all the time, but one must earn his daily bread and keep the home fires burning.

I have never had a more exacting year, nor one with more insistent demands on my time. Never one with greater responsibility and greater toll on depleted strength of body, but I have enjoyed it all, and feel amply repaid by the seeming approval of brethren whom I love. At times I have been tired beyond expression

and discouraged because things did not go forward and brethren were not brotherly. But the next day the sun shone, and the birds sang and everything went right. There was always more triumph than trial, much that was really good and little that was really bad. And I now, near the end of my term of office, renew my confidence in the plans and purposes of Masonry, knowing all the world is better because of what men are doing and have done in its name. It is sincere satisfaction of mind and joy of heart to feel the recompense of service.

"Let me come home tonight, O Lord,
From all my work, with some reward,
Some recompense for having driven
My soul and body, something given
To pay me for the weary hours
I labored under yonder tow'rs
Or walked the furrows in the fields;
God grant the night-time something yields
To pay a man for all his day,
For all the hours he gave away.

"Gold? Yes, a man must have his wages;
It has been so through all the ages.
A man must always have his hire
To set his table, feed his fire.
And yet his wage, however much,
Is never quite enough to touch
His weary hands and heart with healing;
He must come homeward somehow feeling,
However much a man has made,
That not with this a man is paid.

"But if we can come home tonight
And know today we did the right,
And made the world, that never knew it,
A little better, passing through it,
Can know we caused a lip to smile,
Or lightened someone's load awhile,
That something we have made or done
Has brought delight to anyone,
Yes, know we served our fellowmen.
Then we are paid—but not till then."

Brethren, when we talk from the heart we use simple words. You have bestowed upon me your highest honor. I am deeply and sincerely grateful. I assumed the responsibilities of the office with the earnest hope that I might discharge my duties so as to merit your approval. I have tried to deal fairly and justly. I have always had in view the best interests of Masonry. I can truthfully say I love my brethren. To have had the honor to

serve you in this capacity has been the greatest privilege of my life, and will be a worthy heritage to leave to my children and my children's children.

After what I hope will be a harmonious session I shall again retire to the side lines where I trust I may still be able to serve Masonry as I have tried to do for a generation. And in the meantime and all along to the end, may the devils miss you and the angels kiss you with the sweep of their wings in your dreams.

PAST GRAND MASTER H. I. CLARK: I move that the Senior Warden of every lodge in North Carolina be instructed to read the Address of the Grand Master at some meeting of his lodge in the ensuing year.

DR. J. M. TEMPLETON: I wish to offer a second and I cannot leave the Grand Lodge room tonight without expressing my gratification at the able and exhaustive Address you have delivered to us tonight. I am proud, sir, that you have the courage to bring up the issues of the hour in that Address, that you are not afraid to say that Masonry has no partnership with blockaders and bootleggers. I only wish to add, sir, that bootleggers and blockaders cannot carry on their nefarious violations of the law without someone to sell to and I hope you will include, sir, those Masons who buy and sell.

Bro. H. R. Williamson, Acting Grand Treasurer, presented the following report of Grand Treasurer, B. R. Lacy, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

RALEIGH, N. C., January 19, 1926

*The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Raleigh,
North Carolina:*

BRETHREN:

It is with deepest regret that I again have to submit to you by proxy, my report as Grand Treasurer, I had looked forward to the meeting of the Grand Lodge with a great deal of pleasure, and while I cannot be with you in person, I want you to know that I am with you in spirit, and I take this opportunity of expressing my love to the members of the Grand Lodge, for there is no man in North Carolina who loves and appreciates Masonry more than I do. I have done my best to get well enough to meet with you, and while I am much better, I am not well enough to attend the meetings.

While my report shows a cash balance of \$14,472.38, the following items are to be set up against this balance:

	1923	1924	1925	
Unpaid appropriations				
Masonic Relief Asso.-----	\$ 214.45	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$ 614.45
Masonic Service Association	2853.62	.10		2853.72
Warren G. Harding Mem.---		500.00		500.00
Joseph Montford Memorial--		250.00	250.00	500.00
	<u>\$3068.07</u>	<u>\$950.10</u>	<u>\$450.00</u>	<u>\$4468.17</u>

PERMANENT FUND

Grand Charity Fund (see page 123 proceed-			
ings of 1925)-----		\$10,155.00	
Appropriation 1925-----		1,000.00	
		<u>11,155.00</u>	
Making a grand total of-----			\$15,623.17
Leaving a debit balance of-----			\$ 1,150.79

I have on hand subject to the order of the trustees of the permanent fund \$5000.00 Meredith College Bonds and United States Treasury Certificates which cost \$984.00 and mature in 1928 at \$1200.00.

Faternally submitted,

B. R. LACY,
Grand Treasurer.

THE GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M., OF NORTH CAROLINA,
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
AND DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

"Exhibit A"

Grand Lodge Dues-----	\$107,045.20	
Charity Fund-----	16,810.00	
Charters and Dispensations-----	140.00	
Interest on Bank Balances-----	341.20	
Interest on Meredith College Bonds-----	300.00	
Income on Drewry Memorial Fund-----	1,987.88	
From members of defunct lodges-----	193.45	
Sale of defunct lodge property-----	25.60	
Sale of lot, J. H. Joines-----	50.00	
Sale of Digest and Proceedings-----	20.65	
Sale of Codes-----	194.00	
For Seals-----	15.40	
Cash received from defunct lodges-----	44.69	
Miscellaneous Receipts-----	8.50	
Total—see "Schedule 1"-----		\$127,176.57
Balance—January 1, 1925-----		22,323.52
		<u>\$149,500.09</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Bonds paid	\$ 8,500.00
Coupon interest paid	4,590.00
Donations for relief	1,528.00
Drewry Memorial Grand Sec'y fund installment paid	2,000.00
Drewry Memorial Grand Sec'y fund interest on installment	865.83
Drewry Memorial Grand Sec'y fund 2½% commission	79.65
Educational Field Sec'y salary and expense	6,043.26
Foreign Correspondence	350.00
Furniture and Fixtures	324.20
Geo. Washington Memorial	10,000.00
Grand Master's expenses	457.57
Grand Master's Secretary	360.00
Grand Lodge expense, and expense of Grand Lodge officers	2,817.49
Grand Secretary's clerical help	3,941.67
Insurance premiums paid	100.00
Masonic Home	20,000.00
Masonic Loan Fund	3,000.00
Masonic Service Association	2,033.30
Oxford Orphanage	57,500.00
Postage	469.80
Printing	3,723.14
Refunds	193.80
Rent Grand Secretary's office	1,050.00
Salaries	4,350.00
Fort Bayard Sanatorium 1924 appropriation	250.00
Tuberculosis Commission 1924 appropriation	500.00
Total—see "Schedule 2"	\$135,027.71
Cash in Banks—see "Schedule 3"	14,472.38
	<u>\$149,500.09</u>

RECEIPTS IN DETAIL

"Schedule 1"

1925		
Feb. 4	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Charity Fund	\$ 4,850.00
Mar. 4	Interest on Meredith College Bonds	150.00
July 3	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Charity Fund	\$1,530.00
July 2	Interest on Meredith College Bonds	150.00
July 3	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	4,784.00
Aug. 19	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	1,220.00
Aug. 19	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	7,442.00
Sept. 3	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	5,655.00
Sept. 3	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	7,495.00
Sept. 3	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Charity Fund	3,530.00
Oct. 1	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Charity Fund	3,620.00
Oct. 1	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	6,992.00
Oct. 1	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	10,032.00
Oct. 30	W. W. Willson, Gr., Sec., G. L. Dues	9,098.50
Oct. 30	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	6,723.50
		16,680.00

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA

47

Oct. 30	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	7,278.50	43,744.50
Dec. 17	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	4,686.50	
Dec. 17	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	8,345.00	
Dec. 17	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Charity Fund	2,370.00	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	5,200.00	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	6,526.00	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	11,088.20	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	4,079.00	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Charity Fund	910.00	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Charter Fees	90.00	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Dispensa.	50.00	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Income from Drewry Memorial Fund	1,987.88	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Sale of prop- erty Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 441	5.60	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Sale of property of Dellaplane Lodge, No. 555 & Roaring River Lodge, No. 570	20.00	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Amount in Treas. of Dellaplane Lodge, No. 555	44.69	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Sale of lot J. H. Joines	50.00	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Sale of Di- gest and Proceedings	20.65	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Sale of Code	194.00	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Members of defunct lodges	193.45	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., for Seals	15.40	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., Misc. recpts	8.50	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., G. L. Dues	400.00	
Dec. 31	Wachovia Bk. & Tr. Co., Int. on bank balances	144.17	
Dec. 31	Raleigh Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co., Int. on bank balances	197.03	46,626.07
Total—see "Exhibit A"			\$127,176.57

DISBURSEMENTS IN DETAIL
"Schedule 2"

1925		
Jan. 20	Rev. H. S. Hartzel, G.C., exp. Gr. L.	\$ 11.50
Jan. 20	W. H. Frazier, exp. G. L.	21.00
Jan. 21	J. W. Whitley, arresting Charter, No. 252	10.00
Jan. 21	W. S. Reich, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.	33.80
Jan. 21	R. J. Noble, P.G.M., exp. G. L.	7.50
Jan. 21	J. E. W. Cook, Cre. Com. exp. G. L.	38.24
Jan. 21	C. Z. Candler, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.	35.00
Jan. 21	H. E. Austin, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.	11.86
Jan. 21	J. L. Nelson, exp. G. L.	38.40
Jan. 21	W. L. Moore, P.G.M., exp. G. L.	40.00
Jan. 21	J. E. Allen, 1924, appro. For. Corres.	350.00
Jan. 21	C. B. Newcomb, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.	37.90
Jan. 21	H. M. Brandon, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.	19.30
Jan. 21	H. W. Patton, A.G.L., exp. meeting G. L. and G. C.	21.00

Jan. 21	H. P. Austin, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.---	16.46
Jan. 21	B. E. Stanfield, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.---	11.96
Jan. 21	W. L. Hogan, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.---	23.40
Jan. 21	R. L. Proffit, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.---	28.43
Jan. 21	J. D. Lineburger, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.---	25.74
Jan. 21	W. S. Liddell, P.G.M., exp. G. L.---	28.50
Jan. 21	J. M. Edwards, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.---	44.22
Jan. 21	J. W. S. Davis, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.---	45.40
Jan. 21	F. Wm. E. Cullingford, Cred. Com. exp. G. L.-----	53.52
Jan. 22	Robt. Inman, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.---	19.10
Jan. 22	G. L. Wright, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.---	21.50
Jan. 22	J. W. Rowell, A.G.L., exp. meeting G. L. and G. C.-----	37.50
Jan. 22	J. F. Marquette, A.G.L. exp., meet- ing G. L. and G. C.-----	32.76
Jan. 22	J. M. Barber, A.G.L., exp. meeting G. L. and G. C.-----	54.30
Jan. 22	R. E. Currence, Gre. Com., exp. G. L.---	59.60
Jan. 22	A. J. Harris, G. M., exp. G. L.-----	12.50
Jan. 22	R. F. Edwards, G. L., exp. G. L.-----	38.50
Jan. 22	J. J. Phoenix, G.Jr.D., exp. G. L.-----	17.86
Jan. 22	F. D. Winston, P.G.M., exp. G. L.-----	40.24
Jan. 22	J. LeGrand Everett, G.M., exp. G. L.---	33.55
Jan. 22	H. M. Poteat, P.G.M., exp. G. L.-----	12.00
Jan. 22	W. D. Terry, G.T., salary-----	50.00
Jan. 22	W. D. Terry, G.T., exp. G. L.-----	30.60
Jan. 22	R. C. Dunn, S.G.W., exp. G. L.-----	20.50
Jan. 22	W. N. Sherrod, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.---	24.95
Jan. 22	J. W. Winborne, G.S., exp. G. L.-----	26.69
Jan. 22	J. H. Anderson, Jr.G.W., exp. G. L.---	25.54
Jan. 22	Z. V. Snipes, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.-----	15.00
Jan. 22	G. S. Norfleet, P.G.M., exp. G. L.-----	20.00
Jan. 22	P. T. Wilson, Jr.G.S., exp. G. L.-----	22.00
Jan. 22	S. M. Gattis, P.G.M., exp. G. L.-----	16.50
Jan. 22	B. S. Royster, P.G.M., exp. G. L.-----	20.00
Jan. 22	B. S. Royster, Jr., exp. G. L.-----	20.00
Jan. 22	J. E. Cameron, D.G.M., exp. G. L.-----	28.00
Jan. 22	S. H. Odom, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.-----	41.22
Jan. 22	E. W. Timberlake, Jr., G.M., exp. G.L.---	7.42
Jan. 22	W. W. Willson, G.Sec., clerical appro.	3,900.00
Jan. 22	Homer Peele, G.A., salary & exp. '24	203.30
Jan. 23	Leon Cash, S.G.W., exp. G. L.-----	32.60
Jan. 23	Miss Georgia Biggs, Sec. to G. M., balance salary-----	100.00
Jan. 23	P. P. Turner, D.D.G.M., exp. G. L.---	12.00
Jan. 23	K. W. Winstead, A.G.L., exp. G. L.---	12.75
Jan. 24	Mary J. Smith, laundering G. L. aprons-----	18.10
Jan. 29	G. H. Wilkerson, D.D.G.M., exp. G.L.---	4.80
Jan. 29	P. J. Suttlemyre, D.D.G.M., exp. G.L.---	27.60
Jan. 29	P. C. Stott, A.G.L., exp. G. L.-----	12.10
Jan. 29	Mrs. J. J.Crooms, for relief of-----	200.00

Jan. 31	W. C. Wicker, Ed. Field Sec. salary and expense	531.02	6,755.23
Feb. 2	McClenaghan, Griffith & Hayes Gr. S and Gr. T. bonds	100.00	
Feb. 4	Raleigh Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co., Interest on Drewry Memo. Gr. Sec. Fund, \$405, note \$1000	1,405.00	
Feb. 12	H. Mahler & Sons, P.G.M. jewel and bar	77.50	
Feb. 19	Raleigh Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co. 2½% Com. on Drewry Memo. Fund	79.65	1,662.15
Mar. 2	B. R. Lacy, G.T., part 1925 salary	100.00	
Mar. 2	P. T. Wilson, exp. meeting Geo. Washington Memo. Ass'n	52.85	
Mar. 4	W. C. Wicker, E.F.S., salary, & exp.	465.18	
Mar. 5	J. E. Allen, exp. meeting Geo. Washington Masonic Memo. Ass'n	39.48	
Mar. 7	J. E. Allen, exp. Code Com.	12.00	
Mar. 10	B. R. Lacy, G.T., part salary	100.00	
Mar. 11	J. A. Williams, for relief of	50.00	
Mar. 13	Lucy B. Moore, Flowers for Bro. A. S. Holden	15.00	
Mar. 23	Raleigh Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co., Grand Lodge coupons	637.50	1,472.01
Apr. 2	Oxford Orphanage appro.	7,500.00	
Apr. 2	W. C. Wicker, E.F.S., salary & exp.	492.68	
Apr. 4	F. P. Bland, for relief of	250.00	
Apr. 6	The Lilly Co., apron case	12.02	
Apr. 7	J. E. Skeen, for relief of	25.00	
Apr. 8	R. E. Hunter, Sec'y, No. 492, for relief of Brother Rose	250.00	
Apr. 8	Leon Cash, G.M., exp. \$62.98, Steno. \$20.00	82.98	
Apr. 9	Com'l Nat. Bk., Raleigh, Gr. Lodge coupons	127.50	
Apr. 15	Pantagraph Ptg. Co., 453 list of lds.	145.90	
Apr. 20	Horton's Studio, portrait of Gr. Ms. Leon Cash	25.00	
Apr. 21	Masonic Service Ass'n 5% on 40,666 Members	2,033.30	10,944.38
May 4	W. C. Wicker, E.F.S., sal. and exp.	507.07	507.07
Jun. 2	Citizens Nat. Bk., Raleigh, G.L. coup.	127.50	
Jun. 4	Citizens Nat. Bk., Raleigh, G.L. coup.	510.00	
Jun. 10	W. C. Wicker, E.F.S., sal. and exp.	468.95	
Jun. 24	Bill Brannon, for relief of	75.00	
Jun. 24	J. M. Randolph, for relief of	75.00	
Jun. 30	Wachovia Bk. & Tr., Raleigh, G. L. coupons	127.50	1,383.95
July 1	W. C. Wicker, E.F.S., sal. and exp.	469.36	
July 1	A. B. Andrews, Masonic Loan Fd. ap.	3,000.00	
July 2	W. D. Terry, G.T., exp. G.L. Oxford	16.25	
July 3	W. W. Willson, G.S., ½ salary	1,800.00	
July 3	W. W. Willson, G.S., exp. directors meeting Masonic & East'n Star Hm.	9.50	

July 3	Leon Cash, G.M., exp. G. M., G.C., G.O., & G.S. G. Lodge, Oxford	31.75	
July 3	R.C.Dunn, Jr.G.W., exp. G.L. Oxford	5.50	
July 3	J. J. Phoenix, G.Jr.D., exp. G.L.,Oxfo.	5.00	
July 6	E. W. Timberlake, Jr., G.Mar., exp. Gr. L., Oxford	1.00	
July 6	Oxford Orphanage, Ptg. Dept. Ptg. Grand Lodge	406.05	
July 13	Leon Cash, G.M., exp. \$84.31, steno. \$60.00	144.31	5,888.72
Aug. 3	W. C. Wicker, E.F.S., sal. and exp.	474.16	
Aug. 10	The Sojourners Club, Fort Bayard San. 1924 appro.	250.00	
Aug. 10	Wachovia Bk. & Tr. Co., Raleigh, Gr. Lodge coupons	1,275.00	
Aug. 12	F. E. Lester, Chrm., Tuberculosis Com. Appro.	500.00	
Aug. 15	Raleigh Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co., Int. on Drewry Memo. Fd. \$250.83, Note, \$1000	1,250.83	
Aug. 18	Eastern Star Lodge, No. 425, refund amount paid G.L. when charter was arrested	106.30	
Aug. 31	Citizens Nat. Bk., Raleigh, G.L. coup.	127.50	3,983.79
Sept. 1	P. C. Stott, A.G.L., exp. meeting G.C. and Gr. L.	26.50	
Sept. 1	J. E. Cameron, D.G.M., G.C.&G.L.	50.15	
Sept. 1	E. G. Cashion, G.C.&G.L.	10.00	
Sept. 1	W. L. Thompson, A.G.L., G.C.&G.L.	11.25	
Sept. 1	J. W. Patton, G.C.&G.L.	22.00	
Sept. 1	J. L. Marquette, A.G.L., G.C.&G.L.	32.75	
Sept. 1	K. W. Winstead, G.C.&G.L.	27.10	
Sept. 1	J. W. Barber, A.G.L., G.C.&G.L.	30.84	
Sept. 1	S. N. Boyce, G.C.&G.L.	23.25	
Sept. 1	J. L. Nelson, G.C.&G.L.	39.00	
Sept. 1	J. W. Rowell, A.G.L.,G.C.&G.L.	22.50	
Sept. 1	C. B. Newcomb, G.C.&G.L.	48.60	
Sept. 1	R. F. Edwards, G.L., G.C.&G.L.	15.00	
Sept. 1	R. F. Edwards, G.L., G.L. Oxford	5.00	
Sept. 1	W. W. Willson, G.S., exp. meeting Gr. C. & Gr. L.	34.22	
Sept. 1	W. C. Wicker, E.F.S., sal and exp.	482.03	
Sept. 3	The Lilly Co., P.G.M. apron and case	45.80	
Sept. 4	Wachovia Bk. & Tr. Co., G.L. coup.	127.50	
Sept. 5	Wachovia Bk. & Tr. Co., G.L. coup.	127.50	
Sept. 9	Leon Cash, G.M., exp. \$94.93, steno. \$40.00	134.93	
Sept. 17	Citizens Nat Bk., Raleigh, G.L. coup.	382.50	
Sept. 23	Carolina Typewriter & Office Supply Co., 3 typewriters, Gr. Sec. office	192.50	
Sept. 24	R. L. Pratt, for relief of	20.00	1,910.92
Oct. 1	W. W. Willson, G.S., exp. Masonic Relief Ass'n	113.27	
Oct. 5	W. C. Wicker, E.F.S., sal and exp.	536.71	
Oct. 5	King Solomon Lodge, No. 56, for relief of Mrs. C. L. Jarrell	100.00	

Oct. 3	J. M. Ramey, for relief of-----	50.00	
Oct. 8	Wachovia Bk. & Tr. Co., G.L. coupons	127.50	
Oct. 9	Wachovia Bk. & Tr. Co., G.L. coupons	127.50	
Oct. 9	R. G. Laughridge, Sec'y, No. 202, refund on acct. overpayment on 1924 returns -----	2.50	
Oct. 9	Greenville Lodge, No. 284, for burial exp. of J. F. Taylor-----	30.00	
Oct. 27	Addressograph Co., 1 addressograph for Gr. Sec. office-----	79.20	1,166.68
Nov. 2	B. R. Lacy, G.T., part salary-----	100.00	
Nov. 4	W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., refund initiation Tax Lodge, No. 647-----	50.00	
Nov. 4	Geo. Washington Memo. Ass'n '25 appropriation -----	10,000.00	
Nov. 4	Alfred Williams & Co., locker for Gr. Tiler-----	52.50	
Nov. 4	Leon Cash, G.M., exp. \$116.70, steno. \$80.00 -----	196.70	
Nov. 4	W. C. Wicker, E.F.S., sal. and exp.---	510.30	
Nov. 6	Oxford Orphanage, part '25 appro.---	20,000.00	
Nov. 10	Oxford Orphanage, Ptg Dept., Ptg. Gr. L. -----	3,171.19	
Nov. 12	Sharon Lodge, No. 78, refund initiation and per capita-----	15.00	
Nov. 17	Monroe Lodge, No. 244, refund initiation tax -----	20.00	34,115.69
Dec. 1	Wachovia Bk. & Tr. Co., G.L. coup.---	127.50	
Dec. 1	Citizens Nat. Bk., 1 bond, \$8,500, 1 coupon, \$127.50 -----	8,627.50	
Dec. 1	W. C. Wicker, E.F.S., sal. and exp.---	593.15	
Dec. 4	Citizens Nat. Bk., G.L. coupons-----	382.50	
Dec. 5	J. C. Braswell, exp. meeting Service Association -----	122.66	
Dec. 8	Citizens Nat. Bk., G.L. Coupons-----	127.50	
Dec. 10	B. R. Lacy, G.T., part salary-----	150.00	
Dec. 15	Masonic & Eastern Star Home 1925 appro. -----	20,000.00	
Dec. 17	W. W. Willson, G.S., balance salary---	1,800.00	
Dec. 17	W. W. Willson, G.S., clerical assistance in excess of appropriation-----	41.67	
Dec. 17	W. W. Willson, G.S., exp. meeting Masonic Service Association-----	128.43	
Dec. 17	Masonic Temple Const. Co., rent Gr. Sec'y office -----	1,050.00	
Dec. 17	Leon Cash, G.M., exp. \$98.65, steno. \$60.00 -----	158.65	
Dec. 23	B. R. Lacy, G.T., balance salary-----	50.00	
Dec. 31	Oxford Orphanage, part '25 appro.---	15,000.00	
Dec. 31	W. C. Wicker, E.F.S., salary and exp.---	512.65	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, G.S., postage '25-----	469.80	
Dec. 31	W. W. Willson, G.S., Contg. exp.-----	282.11	
Dec. 31	Raleigh Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co., Interest in Drewry Memo. Gr. Sec. Fund----	210.00	

Dec. 31	Mrs. W. B. Hancock, (widow), for relief of	180.00	
Dec. 31	J. W. Edwards, Sec'y. No. 548, for relief of disabled Brother, wife and 4 children	100.00	
Dec. 31	T. A. Halcomb, for relief of	35.00	
Dec. 31	M. P. Nix, for relief of	88.00	
Dec. 31	Oxford Orphanage, bal '25 appro.	15,000.00	65,237.12
Total—see "Exhibit A"			\$135,027.71

RECONCILIATION OF BANK ACCOUNT

"Schedule 3"

Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Raleigh, N. C.:

Balance per pass book.....\$ 18,877.49

Less checks out: No. 2039.....15,000.00

Balance in bank.....\$ 3,877.49

Raleigh Svgs. Bk. & Tr. Co., Raleigh, N. C.:

Balance per pass book.....\$ 10,997.89

Less checks out:

No. 124.....\$180.00

No. 125.....100.00

No. 126.....35.00

No. 127.....88.00

403.00

\$ 10,594.89

Total Cash Balance—see "Exhibit A".....\$ 14,472.38

Report of Grand Secretary

The Grand Secretary submitted the following report, which was read and referred to the Board of General Purposes:

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

BRETHREN:

In accordance with law, I herewith submit my ninth annual report as Grand Secretary:

REVENUE

(Receipts to January 1, 1926, from all sources)

Dues and fines	\$107,045.20
Charity Fund	16,810.00
Charter Fees	90.00
Dispensation fees	50.00
Drewry Memorial Fund	1,987.88
From Dellaplane Lodge, No. 355	44.69
Dues from members of defunct lodges	193.45
Sale of property, No. 441	5.60
Sale of lot, No. 441	50.00
From Roaring River Lodge, No. 570	2.50
Sale of property, No. 355 and No. 570	20.00
Sale of Digest and Proceedings	20.65
Sale of Codes	194.00
Miscellaneous receipts	21.40
Total	\$126,535.37
Paid B. R. Lacy, per his receipts	\$126,535.37

ESTIMATE OF MEMBERSHIP

Number lodges in jurisdiction, January 1, 1925	451
Number lodges chartered	3
	454
Number lost by consolidation	4
Number charters surrendered	2
	6
Total number lodges in state, January 1, 1926	448
Number lodges under dispensation	1
Number lodges having made report to date	440
Number Masons, June 30, 1924	40,637
Number Initiated	1556
Number Passed	1590
Number Raised	1669
Number Admitted	863
Number Reinstated	107
	2,639
Total number with gains	43,276

Number expelled	48
Number suspended	624
Number withdrawn	792
Number died	478
	<hr/> 1,942
Total number Masons, June 30, 1925	41,334
This gives us a net gain in membership during the fiscal year, 1925 of	697

The eight lodges failing to make returns, we included their membership of 1924 in the above estimate, with this exception the above figures show the actual membership of the lodges in the jurisdiction.

LODGES NOT REPORTING

The following lodges have not made report for 1925:

Deep River Lodge, No. 164; Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 195; Cedar Rock Lodge, No. 286; Bellview Lodge, No. 416; Rockyford Lodge, No. 430; Ellenboro Lodge, No. 531; Helton Lodge, No. 594; Pensacola Lodge, No. 647.

DUPLICATE CHARTERS ISSUED

May 21, 1925, Luke McGlaughan, No. 504; January 13, 1926, Gatesville Lodge, No. 126.

The charter of Luke McGlaughan Lodge, No. 504, was destroyed by fire and that of Gatesville Lodge, No. 126, was so badly worn and mutilated that it could not be read, the original charter was taken up and destroyed.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED

Dellaplane Lodge, No. 355, Dellaplane; Roaring River Lodge, No. 570, Roaring River.

CHARTERS ARRESTED

By order of the Grand Master, District Deputy W. A. Bunch arrested the charter of Mt. Olivet Lodge, No. 195, on January 14, 1926.

LODGES CONSOLIDATED

January 9, 1925. Woodsdale Lodges, No. 625, with Person Lodge, No. 113, under the name and number of Person Lodge, No. 113.

June 3, 1925. Harnett Lodge, No. 258, with Fuquay Lodge, No. 614, under the name and number of Fuquay Lodge, No. 258.

October 1, 1925. McCormick Lodge, No. 228, with Sanford Lodge, No. 151, under the name and number of Sanford Lodge, No. 151.

November 21, 1925. Lone Hickory Lodge, No. 512, with Yadkin Lodge, No. 162, under the name and number of Yadkin Lodge, No. 162.

NEW LODGES

A dispensation was issued by the Grand Master on June 27, 1925, to Garland Lodge, U.D., at Roseboro, N. C.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Special communications were held, by order of the Grand Master, as follows:

June 1, 1925. Salisbury, N. C., to lay corner stone of Borden High School.

June 24, 1925. Oxford, N. C., to celebrate St. John's Day.

December 2, 1925. Enfield, N. C., to dedicate Masonic Temple.

January 12, 1926. Rutherfordton, N. C., to lay corner stone Rutherford County Court House.

NECROLOGY

The Supreme Architect of the Universe has been merciful to the Grand Lodge in withholding the hand of death from the circle of Grand Lodge Officers during the year and we acknowledge this mercy with deep gratitude.

The deaths of distinguished Craftsmen of other jurisdictions have been reported to this office as follows:

Alabama—

James Andrew Bilbro, Past Grand Master, born February 20, 1844, died December 22, 1924.

Alberta—

George Murray, Past Grand Master, born October 5, 1860, died January 12, 1925.

Arkansas—

Richard Henderson Taylor, Past Grand Master, born January 31, 1833, died January 26, 1925; Felix G. Lindsey, Past Grand Master, born February 23, 1862; died June 29, 1925.

Colorado—

George W. Roe, Past Grand Master, born October 24, 1850, died January 4, 1925; Ernest Leneve Foster, Past Grand Master, born January 23, 1849, died September 21, 1925.

Connecticut—

John Henry Swartwout, Past Grand Master, born November 19, 1849, died April 24, 1925.

Florida—

Reginald Harry Cooper, Grand Master, born September 30, 1866, died May 4, 1925; Silas B. Wright, Past Grand Master, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Commander, born May 31, 1850, died April 25, 1925.

Indiana—

William Ridley, Past Grand Master, born November 10, 1850, died March 29, 1925.

Iowa—

Newton R. Parvin, Grand Secretary, died January 16, 1925; Thomas Arthur, Past Grand Master, born July 12, 1860, died September 15, 1925.

Kansas—

James H. McCall, Past Grand Master, born July 22, 1849, died August 11, 1925; Edward Winslow Wellington, Past Grand Master, born February 4, 1853, died February 18, 1925; William Ingram Stuart, Past Grand Master, born January 25, 1861, died November 27, 1925.

Louisiana—

Joseph Sinai, Past Grand Master, born May 25, 1875, died February 21, 1925.

Minnesota—

Henry Rockwood Denny, born February 22, 1839, died March 30, 1925.

Montana—

William Andrews Clark, Past Grand Master, born January 8, 1839, died March 2, 1925.

Nebraska—

Alexander C. Porter, Grand Tyler, born July 12, 1860, died February 5, 1925; John Adam Ehrhardt, Past Grand Master, born December 6, 1848, died November 1, 1925.

North Dakota—

Evarts C. Stevens, Grand Treasurer, born September 27, 1832, died September 1, 1925.

Nova Scotia—

J. M. Lawson, Grand Master, born January 13, 1848, died May 27, 1925; John Hay, Past Grand Master, born September 23, 1853, died January 30, 1925.

Ohio—

Horace A. Irvin, Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, born February 17, 1855, died May 13, 1925; Allen Andrews, Past Grand Master, born August 11, 1849, died March 25, 1925.

Oregon—

Dr. Walter Thomas Williamson, Past Grand Master, born August 6, 1850, died March 2, 1925.

South Dakota—

Charles Lewis Brockway, Grand High Priest, born July 6, 1850, died October 5, 1925; Frank Adelbert Brown, Past Grand Master, born July 24, 1833, died October 30, 1924; Robert Henry McCaughey, Past Grand Master, born November 4, 1861, died October 23, 1924.

Tennessee—

George E. Seay, Past Grand Master, born July 26, 1840, died

Texas—

William Hamilton Nichols, Past Grand Master, born July 15, 1843, died May 18, 1925.

Virginia—

Sol Cutchins, Past Grand Master, died May 14, 1925.

Washington—

Ralph Clapp McAllaster, Past Grand Master, born August 26, 1864, died December 23, 1924.

West Virginia—

John Wm. Arbuckle, Past Grand Master, born April 26, 1850, died January 30, 1925; John Morgan Collings, Grand Secretary, born May 10, 1851, died February 10, 1925; George Wesley Atkinson, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary, born June 29, 1845, died April 4, 1925.

APPEALS FOR AID

Appeals for aid have been received by the Committee on Charity, considered and the following amounts were recommended, approved by the Grand Master and paid out of the Charity Fund on account of the following lodges:

Waynesville Lodge, No. 259	\$200.00
Goldston Lodge, No. 649	50.00
Oxford Lodge, No. 396	250.00
Farmer Lodge, No. 404	25.00
Thos. M. Holt Lodge, No. 492	250.00
Bald Creek Lodge, No. 397	75.00
Unaka Lodge, No. 506	75.00
Round Peak Lodge, No. 616	50.00
King Solomon Lodge, No. 56	100.00
Ottolay Lodge, No. 533	88.00

The following appeals for aid were disapproved:

Waynesville Lodge, No. 259; Brasstown Lodge, No. 485 (fire loss); State Road Lodge, No. 540, (fire loss); Lebanon Lodge, No. 391.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Grand Representatives were commissioned by Grand Master Leon Cash, near other Grand Lodges, as follows:

July 6, 1925. Moses Spiero, New York City.

July 6, 1925. Sam Stone, Jr., New Orleans, La.

July 6, 1925. Nelson Long, Hoxie, Kansas.

August 1, 1925. Dr. Friedrich Otto Hertz, Vienna, Austria.

August 1, 1925. Edmundo Osborn, Guatemala.

August 1, 1925. Frank Whepley, Colombia, Barranquilla.

September 1, 1925. Dr. Francisco E. Moreno, Salvador.

November 14, 1925. David Colmon Sasso, Panama.

Commissions of Grand Representatives from the other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge have been received as follows:

August 15, 1925. J. Edward Allen, Warrenton, Grand Lodge of Panama.

August 26, 1925. H. A. Grady, Clinton, Grand Lodge of Colombia at Bogota.

August 26, 1925. A. J. Harris, Henderson, Grand Lodge of Salvador.

September 5, 1925. John E. Cameron, Kinston, Grand Lodge of Peru.

Nominations have been made by the Grand Master for representatives near The Grand Lodge of North Carolina but commissions have not yet been received, as follows:

Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina.

NORTH AMERICAN GRAND LODGES

Prince Edward Island, Quebec.

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES

Alpine, Switzerland, Denmark, England, G. O. Netherlands, Ireland, National of Egypt, Norway, Philippine Islands, Vienna, Ecuador, Honduras, Colombia at Cartegena, Porto Rico, Republic of Colombia, Republic of Guatemala, Venezuela.

GRAND SECRETARY'S CLOCK

Your Grand Secretary wishes to acknowledge the gift to him of a clock for use in the Grand Secretary's office by Bro. Thomas J. Harkins, 33°, Inspector General of North Carolina. In acknowledging the receipt of this gift the Grand Secretary wishes to heartily thank Brother Harkins and assure him that he has enjoyed the use of it very much.

SALE OF LOT

The sale of lot of Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 441, effected by Bro. R. L. Proffitt, D.D.G.M., to the highest bidder and was bought by Bro. J. H. Joines for \$50.00. I respectfully ask the approval of the Grand Lodge of this sale and that the Grand Secretary be ordered to execute a quit-claim deed to Brother Joines for this property.

TRANSFER WITH CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP

The attention of the Grand Lodge is directed to the practical working of Section 146 of the 1924 Code. In attempting to carry out a transfer of membership under this Section many of the lodges act upon applications for membership without requiring that there should be filed with the application a request for a dimitt and also a receipt for dues paid up from the Brother's lodge ninety days in advance of the date of his application. In some instances the receipt for dues are filed and not the application for dimitt and vice versa. In many instances the Brother is affiliated in the new lodge and entered up as a member upon the date of his application and no application for dimitt ever mailed to his original lodge.

I am satisfied that by this practice many of our members are innocently violating, in spirit, at least, Section 94 of the Code which prohibits dual membership.

An instance of this has been recently brought to my attention. A Brother made application under Section 146 to a lodge, was elected, entered upon the rolls as a member and no request for a dimitt ever sent to the first lodge. Both lodges reported this Brother in their 1925 annual returns and paid the per capita tax upon him. The Secretary of the lodge, which the Brother petitioned, is one of the best and most efficient Secretaries among our list of sub-

ordinate lodge Secretaries. These instances are never caught except accidentally until all of the annual returns are in and checked, which necessitates much time, correspondence and expense to straighten out the lodge records.

The actual operation of Section 146 is confusing and making inaccurate the membership in the state and I trust that the Grand Lodge will find some way to safeguard this Section.

BALD CREEK LODGE, NO. 397

This lodge has complied with the order of the Grand Lodge and rehabilitated itself by payment of its 1924 dues.

BAKERSVILLE LODGE, NO. 357

Bakersville Lodge, No. 357, has complied with the requirements of the Grand Lodge and paid the per capita tax upon the members which they erroneously suspended.

PIGEON RIVER LODGE, NO. 386

This Lodge complied with the order of the Grand Lodge by expelling the offending member on March 25, 1925.

In conclusion, I wish to acknowledge my indebtedness for the whole-hearted and sincere courtesies and support given me in my labors during the past year uniformly by the Craft. I wish to assure these Brethren, both officers of the Grand Lodge and members of subordinate lodges, of my deep appreciation for their efforts in assisting me to lighten the labors, incident to the exercising of my duties.

Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. A. Wilson", enclosed within a circular flourish or seal.

Grand Secretary.

Report of Grand Auditor

The Grand Auditor submitted the following report, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The books of the Grand Secretary have been examined for the last fiscal year and they show receipts, gross \$126,535.37. This report shows the source and classification, therefore, no details are included herein as it would appear unnecessary. The receipts are not as much as they were last year. The difference being, principally, in the Charity Fund.

The books of the Grand Treasurer have been examined for the same period and he received all of the above mentioned \$126,535.37, and in addition, \$641.20 interest, making the total receipts for the year \$127,176.57. His report also gives full details of receipts and disbursements, and therefore, the details are omitted here. It is noted that the cash surplus of last year has not been transferred to the Permanent Fund and before doing so consideration should be given to the cash requirements of the Treasury for the demands it will be called on to meet before the Grand Secretary will have other collections to turn in. Unless the Grand Treasurer has a "Working Fund" balance at all times, bills will have to go unpaid or borrow money in anticipation of collections to take care of them.

It is with much pleasure to be able to report that the books of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home have been examined and found to be in excellent shape. The new system appears to be ample for their needs and is carefully and well kept. The financial report for the year submitted by the Home gives the details and is, therefore, omitted here. The current liabilities in excess of current assets of \$1128.25 shown therein is only apparent, as under the hearing of "Endowments" is cash in the amount of \$37,316.35, and I am informed that this can be transferred to the current bank account at any time for current expenses, it merely being held in the "Endowment" account in order to get a better rate of interest.

The Oxford Orphanage has just closed the first year with their present system which was installed by them last year. It is the best they have ever had and been well kept. They now have one of the most modern and complete Institutional Systems in use at the present time.

The financial report sets forth in considerable detail the operations for the year and is, therefore, omitted here.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

HOMER PEELE,

Grand Auditor.

January 18, 1926.

Grand Oration

Grand Master Leon Cash presented the Grand Orator, Rev. C. C. Weaver, Pastor of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church of Winston-Salem, N. C., who delivered the following oration:

If I were in my old bailiwick about this time and were to arise before the crowd with even a hint or expression on my face that looked like I was going to make a speech or preach a sermon, I would have to call out the Fire Department to stop the stampede. I am not at all sure how far I am going to be allowed to go this evening without having some such emergency call as that. I want to assure you, however, that brevity is one of the things that enables me to hold the job as pastor of the Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina. (Laughter.) I am going to be brief and because of that fact I plead with you in the beginning to give me a hearing.

One of the most delightful of modern essayists is a certain Mr. Boreham of Australia. In reading one of his books a few days ago I came on this phrase "The Morning Mind." The contention of the essayist was that things look different in the morning from the night before. The night mind is largely emotional—"drunken" he calls it. While the cool white light of a rising sun gives to conduct and to propositions a very different hue. Dr. Jekyll—sober, upright and an honored member of an honored profession and Mr. Hyde—cruel debauchee of the night time are examples too famous for extended comment.

It is not my purpose to give further consideration to the phrase except to make use of it in the subject which I wish to discuss briefly tonight—that is, "Morning Minded Men."

Perhaps it would be just as well to dismiss the whole matter with the mere statement of the subject. No amplification I can give can add much to the value of the subject, and yet I want us to pause long enough to get the idea of the uses of such men firmly fixed in our thinking.

And what body of men in all our Commonwealth should make more ready or more hearty response to such a thought! If this body of men cannot catch enthusiasm from the idea of open and fair minded consideration of great questions, low indeed must be the level of interest in the state at large. Therefore I approach the subject confident of a sympathetic and responsive hearing.

I am not a scientist nor the son of one,—belonging as I do rather to the prophetic line,—but I am told by those who are presumed to know that the bird is not conscious of the air through which it flies nor the fish of the water in which it swims. This fact, if it is a fact, seems to me to illustrate rather neatly the insensibility of mankind to the encompassing media in which they do their daily work. They live amid vast movements, in an at-

mosphere of hopes and fears, profoundly unconscious of them or at least indifferent to them.

Think of the challenge of the age to the thinking man. If he is looking for work, here it is. In no century in the history of the world have so many questions arisen for solution as have already presented themselves in the first quarter of the 20th Century. Whether the second quarter will be able to answer the questions of the first will very largely depend on the attitude of mind with which men like you receive the problems.

It would be foolish to discuss these questions here! Who has not felt their urging? Who has not prayed that he might have a part, however small, in helping to answer them? There is no field of activity in which they have not manifested themselves. In international affairs they stagger the mind. Complications fearful in their consequences beat at the door of every political group in the world. Races struggling for their place in the sun, nations in the throes of a new birth, jealousies and heartburnings of centuries waiting to be healed; a warless world or a world at war again; these show the drift of the world's movements.

There are but few of us here present who could not almost instantly name still other problems of the day whose insistent call we are constantly hearing. Suppose I were to ask you to name them. At once some would say: "Economic questions are the great questions," and our mind would run to labor and capital, the re-adjustment of living conditions so that every man shall have the realization of all his theoretical rights.

Another would say: "No, political questions are paramount." And we would be lead off into a discussion of all the political theories that have blessed, or cursed, the world since the days of Thomas Jefferson. In no other field are there so many conflicting voices. In no other field is there to-day more need for clear thinking and steady leadership. Still another would say, "No, all questions are secondary to the religious questions" and at once the bitterness of religious wars would be re-enacted in many hearts. Fundamentalist and Modernist, evolutionist and anti-evolutionist would take the stage and make even the day hideous with their clamor.

But why enumerate questions? Every thinking man meets them every day. The question is how are they to be met and how must you as leaders in your communities act toward them. Shall we blandly declare that they do not exist? Shall we dodge the issue and pass their solution to our children? Shall we face them and take the consequences? What shall be the attitude of the "Morning Minded Man" to all these things? There's a live question for you! Take it home with you and see if it doesn't jar you out of your self-complacency. Sleep with this question and you will have strange dreams. Walk with it and you will have interesting travel.

There is no simple solution. A wave of the hand and a smile will not do. The questions are not so simple as their statement would indicate. The reason for the complication arises from the fact that the most insidious propositions often garb themselves in most alluring colors and, when possible, adopt familiar names—names that will appeal—names that have magic

in them. For example, that narrow provincialism that hides itself behind the name of patriotism. What a travesty on the name it is! What a haven of refuge it has been for the charlatan and demagogue! How many great issues have been beclouded by this trick! How often have the minds of our people been befuddled by the appeal to sectional or even to national pride!

Or perhaps the particular shibboleth you will face is the cry of orthodoxy. How many and how grievous have been the crimes in this name. The bitterest of wars have arisen from this source. Homes have been broken, communities split and friends of long standing estranged. The Church has often been discredited because its adherents have been unable to distinguish between life and doctrine.

Again, the spirit of mischief may masquerade under the guise of freedom, sometimes freedom to think, sometimes freedom to act; but always there runs through the whole idea the thought of protest against accepted forms and theories simply because they are accepted. We hear it today in protest against what is called "legislative interference" with personal liberty. The young are particularly susceptible to this sort of propaganda. We hear it on all sides that they must be "free to live their own lives;" which often means that they may, if they choose, disregard the life of everyone else in the community. This is perhaps the most subtle of all the fallacies of modern thought. It is incipient anarchy, born often in the home, cradled in the school system and stands full grown in defiance of law and order. This is the worst fallacy—the fallacy of independence and yet we see men in high places who have been caught by its glitter. It is but a step from the position that we may choose what rules of society or laws of the state we are willing to obey to the logical end of such a position that if we choose we will obey no laws.

There is another fact that must be faced—that is the ease with which a false doctrine may propagate itself. Any *ism* can find adherents. Witness the absurdities of some of our religious sects. See the astounding success of Mussolini in politics in Italy. Note the vagaries that are daily put forth in the name of education. "Experts" of every shade and hue can find men and women who are willing to give them a hearing and, alas! too often a following. Here is the real danger to democracy. Here is the real test of popular government. Democracy will be safe when the people with a clear-eyed appraisal of policies and principles shall readily reject the spurious and embrace the valid. Sanity and judgment, these are the characteristics of a great people,—a people who refuse to be stampeded. Mob violence is the result of the lack of ability to weigh out reasons and evaluate ideas. The hoarse cry of the mob and the terror of the victim alike are the product of a lack of well-balanced thought. A people who can be led into a mob to lynch a negro are not yet free from the danger of being led to burn a heretic or crucify a great teacher.

What shall be the attitude of the "Morning Minded Man" to these things? There must be first fearless open-mindedness.

Truth is on trial but truth is not a closed book. It moves with centuries. "The processes of the suns" is its measure. It is never dangerous except to stolid ignorance and stupid prejudice. It is never in danger except at the hands of foolish friends. We must set our faces like flint against the trio of evils of every age,—a prejudice either of race or otherwise that leads to contempt of a fellow man—an ignorance that refuses to be taught and a bigotry that claims to possess all truth and lacks the grace of tolerance.

The world is not static and has never been, and please God, never shall be. The men of open minds are to be its guide. These men are never fearful. Danger but stimulates them. Fearful hearts can't lead us now. A vacillating political leadership will drive on the rocks the ship of state. Over-much fear indicates a lack of faith. We hear timorous voices today urging us to seek safety. "The ark is in danger." Oh! No, it isn't. The only danger is that our leadership shall not be true to the age or that they shall fail to command a following. Least of all can religion afford to be antiquated. It's one danger is that in the minds of our young it may be too closely associated with the Holy Land and yesterday and not enough with America and to-day. To quote a recent reverent writer: "God is no antiquary. He is a God of the 20th Century, more at home, we believe, in our modern world than any previous age, though we hope that the 21st will be still better fitted for His habitation."

Run the thought through all phrases of today's thinking. We must stand with one command in our ears—"Eyes Front." In making a state, in building and educational system, in constructing roads, in breaking down ignorance, prejudice and bigotry there must be no turning back. The great war did us much harm but we can never be the same. We can never again be insular. We have a world vision and no petty politics can draw our eyes from the sweep of that alluring horizon to be content again with our little valley. Never again can we think in cross-roads terms; never again shall we look with contempt on our fellow—regardless of race or nationality. We face a rising sun and in the calm confidence that it heralds a new day we move to new tasks with new enthusiasms and with a new consecration.

The scrap heap of ages has received many a theory and many an institution. Let's not dig in its ashes for their bones, but rather in the forge of our own thinking and on the anvil of a daring faith, work out the new instruments for a new day. The future belongs to the people who can do this. History builds no monuments to the reactionary. When President Wilson coined the phrase "forward looking men" he gave currency to a phrase that meant more than just a dreamer. These are the men who hold and mold the future. To these men the world will be given. There may never be a world empire in the sense in which

the word is usually used, but the destiny of the world is already fixed in a higher sense. John Oxenham has voiced this fact:

"To whom shall the world henceforth belong,
And Who shall go up and possess it?

To the Great-Hearts—the Strong
Who will suffer no wrong,
And where they find evil redress it.

—To the Men of Bold Sight,
Whose souls seized of Light,
Found a work to be done and have done it.

—To the Valiant who fought
For a soul-lifting thought,
Saw the fight to be won and have won it.

—To the Men of Great Mind
Set on lifting their kind,
Who, regardless of danger, will do it.

—To the Men of Goodwill,
Who will cure all Life's ill,
And whose passion for peace will ensue it.

—To the Men who will bear
Their full share of Life's care,
And will rest not till wrongs be all righted.

—To the stalwarts who toil
'Mid the seas of turmoil,
Till the Haven of Safety be sighted.

—To the Men of Good Fame
Who everything claim—
This world and the next—in their Master's
great name:—

—To these shall the world henceforth belong,
And they shall go up and possess it;
Overmuch, overlong, has the world suffered wrong,
We are here by God's help to redress it."

On motion of Deputy Grand Master J. E. Cameron, the thanks and appreciation of the Grand Lodge were extended to Brother Weaver and his address was ordered to be published in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. B. S. Royster presented the following report of the Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphanage, so much thereof, as related to finance being referred to the Finance Committee, and the remainder to the Oxford Orphanage Committee:

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OXFORD ORPHANAGE

To The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Directors of Oxford Orphanage submit herewith their report of the conduct of your Institution during the past year, and we invite your especial attention to the reports of the Superintendent, Lady Supervisor, Physician, Treasurer, Manager of the Singing Class and other Department heads, filed herewith.

It will be noted from the Report of the Superintendent that much work and extensive improvements have been done during the past year.

To the end that the members of the Grand Lodge, and all others who are interested in this great charity, may know how its affairs are being administered we urge a careful examination of the detailed reports of the Superintendent and others connected with the work.

At the beginning of the past fiscal year we realized that many things had to be done in order to carry into effect the high ideals and purposes of your Institution and we have met these conditions and solved the many problems confronting us with but one purpose in view—to give to the unfortunate children in the Institution the very best attention, training and educational advantages possible.

The liberality of the Masons of the state and of other friends of the work have made possible our being able to carry on this great enterprise with pardonable pride and success.

It will be noted from the several reports filed herewith that each department of your Institution has yielded an actual profit in dollars and cents, to say nothing of the great advantages to the boys and girls of the Institution from the training, which they have received in these departments.

Since our last report the School Building, which the generosity and love of our brethren of the Grand Lodge made possible, has been completed and is now being used for all of the school work of the Institution. This building is modern in all of its appointments and we indulge

the hope that every Mason in North Carolina may at an early date have the opportunity of seeing and examining the same.

We are gratified to be able to report that our school has been placed upon the accredited list of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in the Southern States. This is no empty compliment, but it is an expression of an appreciation of the high grade of work done in the school departments of the Institution.

Your Directors desire above all things to maintain the high standard of our school and to this end they will give their best endeavors.

We feel that we should call your attention to the splendid work being done in the Department of Printing. This Department is thoroughly equipped to do the very highest grade of work in its line. The Superintendent of this Department has shown himself to be capable and energetic, and he takes an especial pride, first, in instructing the boys of the Institution, who are employed in this work, and second, in the class of work sent out to customers.

The Electrical Department is under the superintendency of a capable and efficient young man, who was formerly a pupil of the Institution, and his interest in the boys working with him as well as the satisfactory work of the Department is very gratifying to us.

We wish to call especial attention to the "Orphans' Friend" and to urge every Mason in the state to subscribe for and read it. It contains much information with respect to our fraternity and in addition to this its editorials and selected articles are interesting and uplifting.

Our farm is being improved from year to year and it now ranks among the best of its kind in the state.

We would not overlook mentioning the important and valuable work being done in the Shoe Shop Department, and we extend our thanks and appreciation to its Superintendent.

As the years come and go we appreciate more fully our improved and up-to-date hospital facilities. The health of our children has always called for our best thought and most earnest consideration. In the William J. Hicks Memorial we have the room and equipment to take care of almost any epidemic which may arise. Our Physician, Matron and Nurses are all proud of the Hospi-

tal and their work in connection therewith has been, as we believe, a labor of love.

We desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that there is still a debt of \$7500.00 with interest for one year on our Hospital building and equipment. In our report to the Grand Lodge in 1925, we asked for an appropriation of \$15,000.00 to pay this debt and the Grand Lodge was gracious enough to make an appropriation of \$7500.00 to cover one-half of the debt, and also provided for the payment of the interest on the other half for one year. We take it that it will be your pleasure at this session to make an appropriation of \$7500.00 to pay the balance of the principal of this debt, and to provide for the payment of the interest thereon for one year.

While we have increased our facilities for taking care of a few more children and while there has been no appreciable reduction in the cost of living, we have deemed it wise to ask for the same appropriations as were made by the Grand Lodge in 1925.

In order that you may have an idea of how these amounts are expended we ask that the appropriations be divided as follows:

For Baby Cottage Maintenance.....	\$ 7,500.00
For provisions, clothing, fuel, lights, etc.....	25,000.00
For school expenses.....	10,000.00
For repairs and improvements.....	5,000.00
For insurance on buildings and contents.....	2,500.00
Total.....	<u>\$50,000.00</u>

Of course, the amounts above indicated are considerably less than the actual costs and expenses of the items named, but we think that we can get along with the appropriations asked for.

We desire to commend the Superintendent and his corps of assistants for their faithful service and loyalty to the Institution during the past year.

We urge every Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction to give to us his most hearty coöperation and support in the work being done at Oxford Orphanage.

We indulge the hope that every Mason in the state may conclude that "We have never done as holy a work as when we have taken the fatherless and motherless

little one by the hand and led it through the temptations and pit-falls of the world to a noble manhood and womanhood."

Sometimes in our hurry and in the pursuit of personal ends we forget to be sympathetic, and distress is too frequently unrelieved.

"If Philanthropy is divine we must double its quantity and tenderness. The one duty of life is to lessen vice and enlarge every virtue."

Oxford Orphanage presents a golden opportunity for the expression of the best of human sympathy. Let us be faithful to our trust.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON CASH,
Grand Master,

T. A. GREEN,
J. B. OWEN,
A. B. ANDREWS,
R. L. FLOWERS,
GEORGE S. NORFLEET,
S. M. GATTIS,
J. LEGRAND EVERETT,
B. S. ROYSTER,
Directors.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the Board of Directors, Oxford Orphanage:

GENTLEMEN:

The past year has been one which will go down in the history of our Orphanage as one of the most progressive in the life of the Home.

It has marked the completion of improvements in three of the cottages which will enable the children to receive the benefits of modern comforts and home life which we have long planned for them, not the least of which are the adoption of single beds, individual clothes lockers and the most sanitary bathing facilities it is possible to have in a home of this kind. We have not been able to continue these improvements this year on account of a lack of funds, which we very much regret. This leaves six more cottages, which it is your plan ultimately to enlarge and equip in the same manner. I do not see, however, how it will be possible to carry on these improvements, although they seem to be absolutely necessary to the best and most sanitary way of handling the situation here, unless some plan is devised for raising the money with which to make the improvements. We have completed and occupied the John Nichols School Building and made extensive improvements in the Main Building. The improvements we have made have caused us to contract a debt of \$16,000.00, without any adequate means for liquidating the same except through current receipts, which may be over and above the money required to maintain the children and make general repairs to the plant. It will, therefore, be the part of wisdom, I believe, to discontinue these improvements until we shall have liquidated the debt already contracted for this purpose.

It may not be amiss, for the information of the local lodges and our friends generally, for me to state in this report some facts in connection with the financial management of this institution; not only for their information, but that they may realize and understand more fully, what has been done to improve the living and educational conditions for the care of the children, and also what

additions and improvements have been made to the plant, since I was elected Superintendent in 1910.

Considering the additions made to the school work, I will say, we have added the tenth and eleventh grades, General Science, Biology, Chemistry, Public School Music, Domestic Science, Manual Arts and Drawing, Expression and Public Speaking, the Worthen Class of Telegraphy and Typewriting, and last but not least, a class in Religious Instruction and Bible study.

Every department of our school is thoroughly equipped in the most modern way, and the standard of instruction has been improved, so that our school has received the highest rating it is possible for a high school to receive from the State Department of Education. We have also just received notice that our high school has been recognized by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools which met last week in Charleston, South Carolina.

We have also employed an Athletic Director for our girls, as well as our boys, so that the bodies of our children might be developed at the same time we are endeavoring to improve their minds.

The library has also been enlarged until we have 3280 books. We feel under many obligations for the financial assistance which has been rendered us for the enlargement of this library to Bro. A. B. Andrews; the family of Bro. James C. Munds and wife who established a Memorial for their father and mother for this purpose; to the York Rite Educational Committee through Dr. Merl J. Carson, who has just sent us a check from the Committee for \$300.00 with which to buy additional books for the library. This York Rite Educational Committee, a short time ago, sent us a check for \$300.00 with which to buy papers and magazines to be placed in the different cottages where the children could get free access to them. This has been quite an addition to the home life of the children in their different cottages.

We will now turn our attention from the educational features to the improvements which have been made in the living conditions of the children. We have constantly endeavored to make improvements in the home-like conditions of the cottages so as to give the children all the comforts and attractions they would receive in their homes. We have placed papers and magazines in

the cottages, attractive and instructive pictures on the walls (thanks to the generosity of Bro. A. B. Andrews and the York Rite Educational Committee) replacing the double beds with new single beds, individual towels, and as sanitary bathing facilities as could be wished. We have also done many things to make the cottages attractive and home-like which we cannot enumerate here.

The dining room and kitchen have received their share of attention. The tables are covered with white table cloths (instead of oil cloth), each child has his own napkin; silver knives, forks and spoons have replaced the more crude ones, which were formerly used. Brothers and sisters gather at the same table that they may enjoy the pleasure of family intercourse three times each day, and in this way can they better cultivate the home ties than if they were taking their meals in separate cottages. The food is prepared under the supervision of a trained Dietician, so that each child is protected in health by receiving a well balanced ration each day, much more satisfactorily than could be done if each cottage had its own dining room supervised by separate matrons to prepare the food. An additional matron has been added to look after the dining room.

The Dental Office has been established and equipped with the most improved apparatus and instruments, (the gift of the York Rite Guard of Charlotte) and a Dentist is employed by the year to attend to keeping the children's teeth in good condition. The present incumbent is Dr. R. F. Waller. You will find his report submitted herewith.

Our physician is employed regularly now to attend to the general health of the children. Dr. N. C. Daniel has taken time and great pains to introduce into our hospital department a card system which gives a record of the health condition of each child. This has been of great benefit to him in his work.

I might continue this enumeration but time and space will not permit, but this will give you an idea of what has been done since 1910 for the home conditions of our children. I will now enumerate some of the additions and improvements to the plant which have been made since that time.

We have built the Treasurer's House; the Baby Cottage; the Superintendent's Home; added to the Print-

ing Office twice; added to the Dining Hall; built an up-to-date Milking Barn and added to the Dairy; added to the Farmer's House; built two additional Barns and two Corn Cribs. We have also cut down the trees and bushes in and around the cemetery where our children are buried, had cement curb put around God's Half Acre and placed uniform size stones at the head of graves all on a level, and sowed beautiful lawn grass in the plot. We are now proud to point it out to our visitors as the last resting place of sixty of our dear children who have gone to be with the angels of God in Heaven.

We have recently finished the Wm. J. Hicks Memorial Hospital in memory of Col. Wm. J. Hicks, our former Superintendent, who did so much for this institution. It is furnished with steel furniture of the most sanitary kind. The rooms are well lighted and very attractive and several of these rooms have bronze tablets in memory of friends and loved ones as follows: Mrs. B. S. Royster, of Oxford, in honor of her father, Dr. F. P. Hobgood; Oxford Lodge, No. 396, in honor of Drs. S. D. and T. L. Booth; the children of Mr. J. M. Currin, in honor of their father, Mr. J. M. Currin, a former member of our Board of Directors. Rooms have been furnished also by Hon. Geo. A. Holderness, Tarboro; Lydia Chapter, O. E. S., Rocky Mount; and the dentist room has been equipped with the latest furniture and fixtures by the York Rite Guard, of Charlotte. The operating room has also been well equipped with operating table, sterilizing equipment, surgical instruments, etc., a gift from the citizens of Oxford. They have also given a microscopical and chemical laboratory which is a very great help to our physician.

We have also made additions to five of our cottages, but owing to the lack of funds we have not been able to complete but three of these cottages. These additions and improvements were necessitated by the fact that we did not have room in the cottages to put in single beds and still retain the same number of children in each cottage, and to give them the advantages of improved bathing facilities, vapor heat and study room, that it has been our plan for sometime to give them. The cottages which we have finished are indeed very attractive and the advantages the children receive by the improvements well justifies the expenditure of money necessary to accomplish the purpose.

The John Nichols School Building has just been completed. It is fire-proof, sanitary and up-to-date in every respect. It is a great ornament to our grounds and will do credit to any city. You have named this building "The John Nichols School Building" in memory of our Past Grand Master who loved this Institution and who really was the one who gave it life by casting the deciding vote in the Grand Lodge of 1872, when the Oxford Orphanage came into existence.

The last improvement which has been undertaken is that of transforming the old St. John's College Building from a school building to one for the use of our teachers and matrons. The front entrance has been changed. The sliding double doors that closed its portals for seventy-five years have been replaced by double glass doors, set back in a gothic vestibule entrance, which gives the building a very attractive appearance. New paint has changed the outside as well as the inside. New floors have been laid, partitions erected in order to cut up the school rooms into large single rooms with closets; hot and cold water has been placed in each room and a bath room for every four of these rooms has been furnished. The walls have been covered with wainscoating and beaver board and the rooms ceiled overhead. The vapor heating plant has been installed, so that the Chapel and every room and hall is now comfortable. As an evidence that this additional room was needed, I would state that although all of the eighteen rooms in the Main Building are now filled there are still very few rooms that are not occupied by our workers in the other buildings. This will emphasize to you the extent to which our faculty has increased in recent years and also the necessary increased expense we are at in the per capita cost of maintaining the children.

In the meantime we have installed a new water system, built a steel water tank, drilled another deep well, 450 feet deep and eight inches in diameter. This well with the help of our other deep well will give an ample supply of good clear water to take care of any increased demand likely to be made on it in the future. This deep well enabled us this summer to save the town of Oxford from water famine during the long dry summer, and at the same time gave us all the water we needed. I take great pleasure also in mentioning our beautiful swim-

ming pool, the gift of Oasis and Sudan Temple. Here our children all learn to swim. The boys and the girls have separate bathing hours under the supervision of their own Director. Here the children get enjoyment and exercise they rarely get anywhere else. You have been a boy and you know how much fun they have.

In addition to the Printing Office and Shoe Shop which were established before I came, there has been added the School of Electricity, but in the meantime, the Shoe Shop has been completely equipped with electric polishing machines and stitching machines, which make it fully up-to-date with other repair shops. The School of Printing has evolved from a primitive condition and antiquated machinery to an up-to-date printery, and has been fitted with linotype machines, embossing and other electrically driven presses and machines, as well as all up-to-date furniture and fixtures necessary to making it an ideal place for boys to learn that trade, in a theoretical, as well as a practical way.

The School of Electricity was established two years ago. It has been equipped with machines, apparatus and stock of copper, sufficient to enable them to turn out work in competition with any rewinding electric shop. The boys attend a regular class each day for one hour, then go to the shop and put in practice what they learn in the class room. They are taught how to wire houses, as well as to rewind all kinds of electric apparatus, such as motors, transformers, armatures, etc.

The Laundry Building has been rearranged and new machinery installed to take care of the increased demands of the Orphanage which has been increased very much the past few years.

The Sewing Rooms have been equipped with new sewing machines, patchers and darners, all run by electricity which has enabled this department to keep up with the increased demands of the twenty per cent increase of our child population since 1910.

The Farm and Dairy have come in for their share of expense and attention. From a poor, rock covered, galled and washed out farm it has been transformed into one of the richest farms in the State. The rock has been removed from every field so that a mowing machine or reaper can now run in any field without any danger of being broken to pieces, as it would have done.

The land is now very productive and will produce five crops of alfalfa hay every year in good seasons. We have put large terra cotta pipe in a good many unsightly ditches by which we were enabled to cultivate the land more conveniently and at the same time take in waste land sufficiently to pay for the improvements. We have tile drained wet land, and made our meadows produce abundance of good grazing for our herd of cattle. We have also bought this year thirty-four acres of farm land, which makes our holdings 276 acres. Our dairy herd has been enlarged so that we get three times as much milk as we used to get, and each child is able to have one quart of good wholesome sweet milk to drink each day. For many years this herd has been tested for tuberculosis and is one of the accredited herds of the State.

I have enumerated the above facts, not to enlighten you because you know what has been done; but the Grand Lodge, the local lodges, nor the public in general, have any conception of how much has been done to improve the conditions under which the children live, make additions to the plant, or how much money has been expended doing all this. We have never made any appeal to the public for funds in these years or to the lodges, except in the case of the Wm. J. Hicks Memorial Hospital; yet I feel safe in saying that we have spent more than \$400,000.00 in accomplishing these results. The plant now has a valuation of \$750,000.00.

There are several improvements which are greatly needed which will take a great many thousand dollars to complete but for which we do not have the money. They are the completion of the plan already begun of enlarging and furnishing the other six cottages on our grounds; the enlarging of the present Dining Hall, as we do not now have room to comfortably seat all the children we have to feed in our present Dining Hall. Our Chapel is not large enough to accommodate our increased number of children and should also be enlarged. In making the improvements above enumerated in the past year we accumulated a debt and I feel that it would be the part of wisdom not to continue to make permanent improvements and to continue to increase the debt, but recommend that all improvements stop until some way is open by which we may get the money to do these

greatly needed things. It does not seem too much to ask if there are not some friends of this great work who have the money and who have it in their heart to consecrate a portion of their wealth, which God has made them custodians of, to help the orphan children who may come under our care?

It seems that we are facing a very serious matter in the conditions which surround a very large per cent of the applicants for admission into our Orphanage. That is the inherited tendency to tuberculosis. For the first six months of this year of all the applicants for admission eight and one-third per cent were exposed to tuberculosis in their families. In the past six months the percentage has risen to twenty-five per cent.

I beg to call your attention to the report of Dr. N. C. Daniel, our physician, on this subject, and to ask that you take into consideration the necessity we are confronted with of protecting the 400 children we are now responsible for, from the admission of such children as have inherited the tendency toward tuberculosis, or who may have been exposed to tuberculosis. If something is not done it is going to be almost impossible to keep this dread disease out of this Home.

We have never had but one case of the kind in our Orphanage. This was a child who came to us some fifteen months ago. Although every known means was used to find out whether this child had tuberculosis before she came here, (although we knew the child's mother had died of tuberculosis). The microscopical examinations, by expert physicians did not show signs of it. This child had tuberculosis when she came here, and has never left our hospital since she came fifteen months ago. These children need help but we are not prepared to look after them, nor do I feel that we should expose the children we are responsible for, unnecessarily.

We have the sorrow to record the death of one of our boys during the year—Leighton Smith, who died of pneumonia.

I beg to refer you to Doctor Daniel's report as to the health conditions. I also wish to emphasize the great benefit our new hospital has been to us in checking the spread of contagious diseases. On several occasions during the year we were enabled to stop contagious diseases, only a few patients having the disease.

The following bequests during the past year are most gratefully acknowledged, viz:

Mrs. Nannie Samuels, Mt. Airy	\$1,529.50
Mr. James W. Merrell, Mars Hill	809.75
Mr. Lewis King, Trenton	771.54
Mrs. Malvina T. White, Winston-Salem, (additional)	500.00
Total	<u>\$3,610.79</u>

This report is already too long, so I will bring it to a close by referring you for other information to the report of the Treasurer, the Lady Supervisor, Dentist, Printing Office, Electric Shop, Shoe Shop, Farm and also that of our Field Worker.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. BROWN,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF TREASURER

To the Board of Directors of Oxford Orphanage:

GENTLEMEN:

The statement of the audit of the books and accounts of the Orphanage is submitted herewith as a financial statement for the fiscal year, ending October 31, 1925.

The general receipts for the year are less than for the previous year. At the same time the average number of children in the Institution has been greater. This, with the increased cost of maintenance, incident to changes and readjustments made necessary for accomodating the additional number of children, has caused a deficit as shown by the statement of the Auditor.

We have received during the year the following amounts from legacies:

Kornegay Estate	\$6,778.33
Mrs. Nannie Samuels, Mount Airy	1,529.50
James W. Merrill, Mars Hill	809.75
Lewis King, Trenton	771.54

These were added to the Improvement Fund and have been used for permanent improvements to the property.

We have on hand \$1,000.00 donated by Mrs. Susan C. Vann, Buies Creek, North Carolina, awaiting your decision as to its use.

There have been numerous improvements, additions and changes, calling for large expenditures and great activity both in the office and on the grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

I. ALLEN,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF LADY SUPERVISOR

MR. R. L. BROWN, *Superintendent*:

The two outstanding events of the year and ones that will have far-reaching results are the completion of the additions to the two cottages and the opening of the new school building. The relief afforded from the crowded conditions in both cases is having a wonderful effect on the discipline of the children. The location of the school building, the arrangement of the rooms, the window space, the lighting and heating and the equipment are all that we could desire for comfort and convenience. We are all most grateful to those who have made this gift possible thus adding to the efficiency of the school and its power to accomplish greater results in the lives of the children.

The second floor is occupied by the high school grades, with separate rooms for history, music and telegraphy classes. The primary and grammar grades are on the first floor; the laboratories for science classes and the manual arts department have specially equipped rooms in the basement.

New tablet chairs are in use in the music and history rooms; the latter contains maps, charts and a large globe, in the former has been placed a new piano of a design especially adapted for use in schools.

There have been twenty-eight pupils taking telegraphy and typewriting. One has completed the course and is practicing in the Western Union office down town to become accustomed to the routine of an office. The old equipment was moved to the new school building in September. Recently all the required equipment for a working office has been donated by the Western Union Telegraph Company, who sent their plant men to install and complete the arrangement of the room.

This year we have offered more diversified courses in order to appeal to a larger number of children and to increase the interest in high school work. Pupils are required to take four subjects a year giving the sixteen units for graduation, and in addition, Home Economics for the girls, Printing and Practical Electricity for boys,

for which credits are given. Chemistry and a course in Bible study have been added to the curriculum. Pupils, who for various reasons, do not desire to study a foreign language, are allowed electives in history and science.

COMMENCEMENT

The graduating class of 1925 numbered eight students, six girls and two boys. The girls are all in college this year, the two boys have good positions.

Commencement exercises began June 12th with a play given by the senior class. The sermon by Rev. W. A. Stanbury, of Raleigh, was delivered Sunday morning. The address by Prof. R. L. Flowers, Secretary of Duke University, followed by presentation of diplomas and Bibles by General Royster, and the distribution of prizes took place Tuesday, June 16th.

Names of graduates: Edwin Thurston Allen, George Harvey Campbell, Mabel Finch, Nellie Geraldine Foote, May Henderson, Blanche Irene Hutchins, Lelia May Ray, Martha May Williams.

As usual we have had graduates from several different colleges this year, of pupils who have been away from the Orphanage from two to four years. One received a degree from North Carolina College for Women, one from the State College, Raleigh, and one the A. B. degree from Duke University; this student was given the Fellowship Scholarship for another year and is working toward the M. A. degree. Three more students graduated from the East Carolina College and are now teaching in the State.

One great service which we can render the boys and girls, especially those of high school age, is to arouse in them an ambition for higher attainments, to send them out with the knowledge that through their own individual efforts, as far as possible, success will come. That by close application to school work, by practicing economy, by independent efforts, and the wise use of vacation periods, they may obtain a higher education at comparatively small cost to themselves. Some have taken advantage of the Educational Loan Funds, some have had help from relatives and no one has been denied the privilege of attending college. Some few, who in former years, have borrowed from the Loan Funds have made return payments. This is as it should be. When finan-

cial assistance is accepted it should be considered a debt to be cancelled as promptly as possible.

The course in Expression and Public Speaking is growing in interest. Two plays were successfully staged during the year. Several changes have occurred in the faculty during the year. The teacher of Drawing and Manual Arts left in January on account of failing health and classes were not resumed until September. A graduate from the Massachusetts Normal Art School has taken the position and work is progressing. Drawing lessons are given in all the grades; metal work, basketry and wood work are taught in the high school.

Our application for admission to the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States, which was filed in October has been accepted and our school has been placed on the Accredited list of High Schools for the Southern States.

The library becomes more and more valuable each year as the interest in school work grows and the curriculum enlarges. The Munds Memorial Fund of \$100.00, and a gift of \$200.00 for the purchase of books for the library have been received. The wonderful gift of \$600.00 from the York Rite Library Fund, half of the sum to be used for the library, the rest to be spent to furnish literature for all the cottages is another evidence of the desire of the Masonic Order to place in the hands of the children all that is best in current literature and works of standard authors. We now have 3280 volumes in the library. Surely no children in the country are favored with such an abundant supply of excellent reading matter as are these at the Oxford Orphanage. The habit formed in youth of reading good literature will solve the problem for many a leisure hour in the cottages.

It would seem that the space given to the report of the school left nothing to be said of the cottage and industrial life of the institution, but the present standard of the school would not have been reached had there not been corresponding efficiency in the home life of the children. The cottage mothers, the teachers and the matrons in the different departments have all worked in complete harmony endeavoring to study the children and to teach them to live the full life, not only from the side of the text books in the class room but to acquire and use knowledge that will be of use to them in the practical

affairs of life. All children cannot work for college credits but each one may set his or her feet in ways of usefulness by doing the class of work for which each is best fitted and which will tend toward his future happiness, for 'it is not what we do but how we do it' that counts in this life.

The Walker building remodeled from the old hospital opened in April, and the small boys in the Annex with some promoted from the Baby Cottage were transferred to these new quarters, giving room in the Annex for thirty-two small girls. This makes eleven cottages on the grounds. The rooms in the Main Building occupied by the Annex have been thoroughly overhauled and the old classrooms have been made into comfortable, convenient rooms for teachers and matrons. This change was very much needed to insure the necessary quiet and rest after the strain of school and work hours, and will be most thoroughly appreciated.

SPORTS

Basketball, baseball and various other games have been played by the boys, with picnics and hikes on Saturday afternoons. Ball games with several of the neighboring high schools have created much enthusiasm for athletics among the boys. The girls have no regular director since January, but have played basketball and tennis, taken walks, had picnics under the supervision of the cottage mothers, and had the pleasure of cooking supper in the woods. A supply was on duty in the summer months to direct activities at the swimming pool. Since September the teacher of Drawing and Manual Arts has devoted Saturday afternoons to coaching the girls in games.

Films from the State Department in Raleigh and the Players-Lasky Corporation, of Charlotte, N. C., have been shown in the moving picture machine. Several fine pictures have been given free of charge by the latter concern, including "The Covered Wagon" and "Peter Pan."

So many gifts and improvements have been made during the year and such wonderful opportunities are opening for each child that the outlook for growth in the future is most promising.

Respectfully submitted,

NETTIE N. BEMIS.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL INCOME

For the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 1925

Donations:		
Masonic Lodges	\$ 21,279.04	
General Public	6,144.29	
Eastern Star	537.98	
Knights Templar	237.57	
Royal Arch	267.87	
Scottish Rite	25.00	
Total Donations		\$ 28,491.75
Appropriation by Grand Lodge of North Carolina		50,000.00
Appropriation by State of North Carolina		29,500.00
Singing Class:		
Gross Income	36,833.87	
Less expense	5,923.39	
		30,910.48
Income from John Neal Trust		19,771.93
Collections on Accounts of Woodworking Shop		119.00
Collections for Water		1,191.13
Total Income for General Purpose		\$159,984.29

STATEMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE GENERAL FUND

For the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 1925

Direct Expenses:		
Provisions	\$ 46,705.14	
Less: Net Income of Farm	2,310.24	
		\$ 44,394.90
Clothing		12,868.84
Cottage Mothers' Salaries		9,866.16
Dining and Kitchen Utensils		545.10
Housekeeping Expense		2,746.81
Barber Expense		275.25
Sunday School Supplies		198.62
Christmas Goods		411.04
Fuel		3,939.95
Lights and Power		3,712.06
Dental Expense		919.22
Water		599.29
Hospital:		
Salaries	4,524.50	
Expenses	1,169.38	
		5,693.88
Laundry:		
Salaries and Wages	1,791.02	
Washing Materials	821.09	
Light and Power	338.99	
Repairs and Replacements	109.05	
		3,060.15

School:

Salaries	16,402.57	
School Books	519.59	
Moving Pictures	147.22	
Athletic Supplies	284.94	
General Supplies and Expense	834.78	
		18,189.10

Shoe Shop:

Salaries and Wages	1,895.00
Shoe Material	2,390.55
Expenses	335.04

4,620.59

Less: Income of Shoe Shop

1,919.05

2,701.54

Total Direct Expense

\$110,121.91

Administrative and General Expense:

Salaries:

Superintendent	\$3,300.00
Secretary and Assistant	850.00
Lady Supervisors	2,291.70
Treasurer	2,250.00
Office Assistants	2,653.33
Field Worker	1,100.00
Miscellaneous Salaries	1,995.57

\$ 14,440.60

Printing, Stationery and Office Expense

1,820.26

Automobile and Truck Expense

1,032.70

Traveling Expense

630.65

Postage

320.00

Telephone and Telegraph

228.58

Work done by Farm

2,475.50

Interest on Borrowed Money

605.83

Accountant's Fees

1,200.24

Miscellaneous

1,056.04

Total Administrative and General

Expense

\$ 23,810.40

Property Expenses:

Insurance

\$ 4,022.23

Repairs and Maintenance to Buildings

2,640.74

Repairs and Maintenance to Equipment

13,057.25

Total Property Expense

\$ 19,720.22

Total Operating Expenses of the General Fund \$153,652.53

SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL FUND

Supplies November 1, 1924

\$ 9,695.36

Add:

(a) General Income for the

year

\$159,984.29

Less Expenses

153,652.53

6,331.76

(b) Net amounts transferred from the
Hospital Building Fund

7,500.00

(c) Amount transferred from Printing Department -----	8,000.00	21,831.76
		<u>\$ 31,527.12</u>
Deduct:		
(a) Amount transferred to Improvement Fund -----	29,500.00	
(b) Amount transferred to School Building Fund -----	3,500.00	
(c) Amount expended for permanent improvements -----	17,645.61	
(d) Amounts expended for equipment -----	2,134.03	52,779.64
		<u>\$ 21,252.52</u>
Deficit October 31, 1925 -----		

STATEMENT OF PRINTING DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

For the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 1925

Income:

Subscriptions to Orphans' Friend and Masonic Journal -----	\$ 10,740.90
Advertising -----	1,993.45
Job Printing -----	27,602.98
Total Income -----	<u>\$ 40,337.33</u>

Deductions from Income:

Materials:

Inventory Nov. 1, 1924 -----	\$ 8,578.89
Purchases of Paper -----	9,743.63
Postage, Stamped Envelopes and Cards -----	1,697.04
Merchandise -----	257.90
Outside Work -----	1,427.87
Ink -----	284.25
Binding Supplies -----	322.78
	<u>22,312.36</u>
Less: Inventory Oct. 31, '25 -----	12,499.74
	9,812.62
Repairs and Replacements to Equipment -----	754.68
Metal and Type -----	427.48
Salaries and Wages -----	19,577.99
Miscellaneous Supplies and Expense -----	795.06
Gas -----	171.98
Light and Power -----	772.62
Fuel -----	300.00
Insurance -----	390.70
Depreciation on Equipment -----	1,917.70
Total Deductions from Income -----	<u>34,920.83</u>
Net Income for the year -----	<u>\$ 5,416.50</u>

STATEMENT OF ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

For the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 1925

Income:

Sales, Repair Work, etc.	\$ 31,364.21
Electric Current	5,975.79
Total Income	\$ 37,340.00

Deductions from Income:

Inventory November 1, 1924	\$ 3,615.91
Purchases of Materials and Supplies	18,472.65

22,088.56

Less: Inventory Oct. 31, 1925 6,286.69

	15,801.87
Salaries and Wages	11,508.88
Power Purchased	3,514.91
Fuel	300.00
Insurance	208.70
Traveling Expense	659.95
Printing, Stationery and Office Expense	697.51
Interest	196.10
Miscellaneous Supplies and Expense	544.79
Depreciation on Equipment	295.76
Total Deduction from Income	33,728.47

Net Income for the Year \$ 3,611.53

STATEMENT OF FARM OPERATIONS

For the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 1925

Income:

Sales of Farm Products	\$ 5,486.22
Products and Service Furnished the Institution	22,052.72
Total Income	\$ 27,538.94

Deductions from Income:

Inventory November 1, 1924 24,131.00

Expenses:

Salaries and Wages	7,442.95
Feed	6,250.46
Fertilizer	3,171.20
Seed	1,009.35
Live Stock Purchased	2,470.80
Ice	572.20
Repairs, Small Tools and Implements	1,110.45
Miscellaneous Supplies and Expense	1,482.29

47,640.70

Less: Inventory October 31, 1925 22,412.00

Total Deductions from Income 25,228.70

Net Income for the Year \$ 2,310.24

Brought forward -----	\$ 5,087.34	\$155,810.12
Wadesboro -----	135.25	
Wingate -----	82.30	
Elkin, Surry-Yadkin Masonic Picnic---	600.00	
Raleigh -----	1,169.50	
	<u>\$ 7,074.39</u>	
Less expense of travel-----	128.53	
		<u>6,945.86</u>
		\$162,755.98
Collections on Wood Shop Accounts-----		119.00
Collection for water-----		1,191.13
Donations in kind-----		1,859.57
		<u>\$165,925.68</u>
Less O. E. S. Check duplicated-----	18.00	
Less office expense for Singing Class during the year -----	5,923.39	
		<u>5,941.39</u>
Total Income for General Fund-----		\$159,984.29

On motion of the Senior Grand Warden, the Grand Secretary was instructed to send telegrams of sympathy to absent Past Grand Masters who were detained from attendance by illness and also your Grand Treasurer, B. R. Lacy.

The following telegrams were read by the Grand Secretary:

SHELBY, N. C., January 19, 1926.

*Leon Cash, Grand Master, A. F. & A. M., Masonic Temple
Raleigh, N. C.:*

Six thousand Eastern Stars of North Carolina send greeting and best wishes for a harmonious, progressive and prosperous session.

MRS. ELIZABETH BERGMAN,
Grand Matron.

PHILADELPHIA, PENN., January 19, 1926.

*Hon. Leon Cash, Masonic Grand Lodge Masonic Temple, Raleigh
N. C.:*

Greetings to Grand Lodge of old North State, one of my ancestral homes. Deeply regret unable to attend as had planned owing to pressure of work on The Master Mason. Know Grand Lodge will give us great help in our work for American Masonry Love to all the brethren.

JOSEPH FORT NEWTON.

Grand Secretary Willson presented the following report of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The trustees of the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund beg to report that during the past year this fund yielded an income of \$1987.88, which under the will of Bro. John C. Drewry, was applied on the salary of the Grand Secretary.

During the past year we changed investments as follows:

Forty shares of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, seven per cent preferred stock, (which cost us 106), was redeemed at 120 by the Company.

Two of the Grand Lodge notes were paid up.

We purchased thirty-five \$50.00 four per cent Masonic Temple bonds, at 89, which transactions now leave on hand \$5728.75 to be invested, which has been done, and being after December 31, 1925, will appear in the report of 1926.

Hereto we attach a statement of the Raleigh Savings Bank and Trust Company, custodian of the fund, showing the detail of the financial transactions for the year, 1925.

Fraternally submitted,

LEON CASH,
Grand Master,

B. R. LACY,
Grand Treasurer,

W. W. WILLSON,
Grand Secretary,

C. G. BARBEE,
A. B. ANDREWS.

THE RALEIGH SAVINGS BANK & TRUST CO., CUSTODIAN OF DREWRY MEMORIAL GRAND SECRETARY FUND

December 31, 1925

1924

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Dec. 31 To balance last report-----\$ 486.25

1925

RECEIPTS

Feb. 5	By Grand Lodge N. C., A. F. & A. M. payment note, No. 1, due 12-1-24---	1,000.00	
Aug. 15	By Grand Lodge N. C., A. F. & A. M. payment note, No. 2, due 12-1-25---	1,000.00	
Dec. 31	By 40 shrs. R. J. Reynolds Tob. Co., pfd. stock called @ 120.00-----	4,800.00	6,800.00
			\$ 7,286.25

1925

DISBURSEMENTS

June 30	To R.S.B&Tr.Co., Bond Dept., \$1750 Masonic Temple Const. Co. 4% bonds @ 89 -----	1,557.50	1,557.50
---------	---	----------	----------

Balance—Principal Account -----\$ 5,728.75

1924		INCOME ACCOUNT		
Dec. 31	To balance last report-----		\$	805.63
1925		RECEIPTS		
Jan. 1	By coup. \$2000 A & C L 5% bonds--	\$	50.00	
Jan. 1	By coup. \$2000 N and W 4% bonds--		40.00	
Jan. 1	By coup. \$2950 Mas. T'ple 4% bonds		59.00	
Jan. 2	By div. 40 shrs. Hanes Knit., pfd.---		70.00	
Jan. 2	By div. 10 shrs. Amer. Loco. Co., pfd.		17.50	
Jan. 2	By div. 10 shrs. Amer. Tob. Co., pfd.		15.00	
Jan. 2	By div. 40 shrs. R. J. Reynolds Tob. Co., pfd.-----		70.00	
Jan. 2	By div. 10 shrs. Slass Sheffield S & I Co.-----		17.50	
Jan. 10	By div. 20 shrs. A.C.L.R.R.Co. com.---		70.00	
Jan. 16	By div. 10 shrs. Amer. Woolen Co., pfd.-----		17.50	
Jan. 16	By div. 30 shrs. Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co. com.-----		67.50	
Feb. 5	By Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M., int. on note to 1-1-25-----		405.00	
Apr. 1	By R.S.B.&Tr.Co., int on deposit----		8.25	
Apr. 1	By div. 10 shrs. Amer. Loco. Co., pfd.		17.50	
Apr. 2	By div. 40 shrs. R. J. Reynolds Tob. Co., pfd.-----		70.00	
Apr. 2	By div. 40 shrs. P. H. Hanes Kntg. Co., pfd.-----		70.00	
Apr. 2	By div. 10 shrs. Amer. Tob. Co., pfd.		15.00	
Apr. 3	By div. 10 shrs. Slass-Sheffield S&I Co.-----		17.50	
Apr. 16	By div. 30 shrs. American Tel & Tel. Co., com.-----		67.50	
Apr. 16	By div. 10 shrs. American Woolen Co., pfd.-----		17.50	
July 1	By R.S.B.&Tr.C., int. on deposit----		29.56	
July 1	By coup. \$2000 A & C L 5% bonds--		50.00	
July 1	By coup. \$2000 N&W Ry. 4% bonds--		40.00	
July 1	By coup. \$2950 Mas. Te'ple 4% bonds		59.00	
July 2	By div. 40 shrs. P. H. Hanes Kntg. Co., pfd.-----		70.00	
July 2	By div. 10 shrs. Amer. Tob. Co., pfd.		15.00	
July 2	By div. 40 shrs. R. J. Reynolds Tob. Co., pfd.-----		70.00	
July 2	By div. 10 shrs. Slass Sheffield S&I Co., pfd.-----		17.50	
July 2	By div. 10 shrs. Amer. Loco. Co., pfd.		17.50	
July 10	By div. 20 shrs. ACLRR., com.-----		90.00	
July 16	By div. 10 shrs. American Woolen Co., pfd.-----		17.50	
July 16	By div. 30 shrs. American Tel. & Tel. Co., com.-----		67.50	
Aug. 15	By Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M., int and deferred int. on notes to 7-1-25-----		250.83	
Oct. 1	By R.S.B.&Tr.C., int. on deposit----		2.97	
Oct. 1	By div. 10 shrs. Amer. Loco. Co., pfd.		17.50	

Oct. 2	By div. 10 shrs. Slass Sheffield S&I Co., pfd. -----	17.50	
Oct. 2	By div. 10 shrs. Amer. Tob. Co., pfd. -----	15.00	
Oct. 2	By div. 40 shrs. R. J. Reynolds Tob. Co., pfd. -----	70.00	
Oct. 2	By div. 40 shrs. P. H. Hanes Kntg. Co., pfd. -----	70.00	
Oct. 16	By div. 30 shrs. Amer. Tel. and Tel. -----	67.50	
Oct. 17	By div. 10 shrs. American Woolen Co., pfd. -----	17.50	
Dec. 31	By R.S.B.&Tr.C., int. on deposit -----	19.16	2,273.77
Total Receipts of Income -----		\$	3,079.40

1925

DISBURSEMENTS

Jan. 1	To W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., income collected 7-1-24 to 12-31-24 -----	805.63	
July 1	To W. W. Willson, Gr. Sec., income collected 1-1-25 to 6-30-25 -----	1,182.25	1,987.88
Balance Income on hand -----		\$	1,091.52

SECURITIES HELD BY CUSTODIAN—DECEMBER 31, 1925

40 shrs.	P. H. Hanes Kntg. Co., seven per cent pfd. stock.
10 shrs.	American Woolen Co., seven per cent pfd. stock.
10 shrs.	American Loco. Co., seven per cent pfd. stock.
10 shrs.	Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Co., seven per cent pfd. stock.
20 shrs	Atlantic Coast Line R.R. Co., com. stock.
30 shrs.	American Tel. and Tel. Co., com. stock.
10 shrs.	American Tob. Co., six per cent pfd. stock.
\$2000.00	Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line five per cent bonds, due 1944.
\$2000.00	Norfolk and Western R.R. four per cent bonds, due 1944.
\$4700.00	Masonic Temple Construction Co., 2nd four per cent, due 1934.
\$7000.00	Grand Lodge of N. C., A.F.&A.F., six per cent notes, due serially.

Rev. John F. McCuiston delivered the following invocation:

Our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee that we are Thy children, and we know so little, and are so dependent and that Thou art so kind and so gracious to hear, and do for us far more than we are worthy of receiving. We are thinking tonight of our brethren who are physically afflicted. We pray Thee to look graciously upon them, knowing that Thou art the Great Physician for body and for spirit, wilt Thou be nigh unto them tonight and, if it pleases Thee, we know that Thou canst see into the future, we ask that there may come recovery unto these

brethren. Lord, Thy will is the will to which we submit ourselves. If Thou restore them again, all praise and honor be unto Thee. If they must continue and pass under these afflictions may Thy will be done.—Amen.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 10:00 a. m., January 20, 1926.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

RALEIGH, N. C., January 20, 1926.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 10:00 o'clock a. m., by M. W. Leon Cash, Grand Master.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The minutes of the first day's Proceedings, January 19, 1926, were read by Assistant Grand Secretary, C. T. McClenaghan, and motion were approved.

GRAND MASTER: I want to introduce to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, another old man. I told you last night of a man one hundred years old. This is Dr. L. A. Bickle, of Stokes Lodge, No. 132, Concord, N. C., ninety-one years old. Fifty-one years ago he represented his lodge in this Grand Lodge. He is a Past Grand Chaplain of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina. I want to say that I appreciate and I am sure the brethren appreciate the visit of this old young member of the Grand Lodge, a man who has served his country, served Masonry, and served his church, in such a splendid way during a long and useful life. Doctor, if you want to talk to the brethren, just turn loose! (Applause.)

DOCTOR BICKLE: I am here at the request of the Grand Master, who wanted me to be present on this day as it commemorates my first knowledge of the Grand Lodge. At the time I was pastor of a little church in Concord, in 1876, and was Master of Stokes Lodge. I considered that the lodge ought to be represented and I attended. By the way, I want to say that

at that time I thought the subordinate lodges had not been properly represented on the committees and things of that kind. I am a stickler for the subordinate lodge in that respect. The Grand Lodge could not exist without the subordinate lodge, and, of course, these brethren know that and are trying to do the best they know how. Anyway when I attended the next meeting I was made Grand Chaplain. I officiated at the close and that is all that I did during my administration. I was not able to attend the following meeting of the Grand Lodge. Now some of you don't know what a man has to do in my position, or how a man has to behave. In our church, and I am not talking about any church particularly, but we have an idea on the part of some of the ministers that a minister ought not to belong to a secret fraternity and, of course, they persecute you if you do and I have to walk a chalk line in order to keep in good condition in some respect with the other folks.

On one occasion I was asked why I was a Mason. I told them I didn't know particularly that I had any especial reason. That I had formed an idea that it was a good fraternity and it might be the very thing I was hunting for. I am satisfied there is no institution that is more intellectual than the Masonic fraternity and a man that studies it through the various degrees of higher Masonry, the more he knows about things and I have always been in favor of education in every line that is truth, and that was the only especial reason I had for it.

I joined Masonry in 1870, which was about fifty-six years ago and I have been a Mason all that time except when the lodge was defunct and I don't know what you would call me then.

THE GRAND MASTER: Well, you were defunct, too, (Laughter.)

I was transferred from one city to another and I went into another lodge and had to stand an examination, and I appeared before a member of the Synod who was particularly hostile to secret societies. He didn't ask me anything about my theology, didn't examine me a bit. When he began to ask me about being a Mason I told him I belonged to a defunct lodge and I guess I was defunct myself. He said: "Well, that's all right." I said:

"I do belong to an insurance fraternity, 'The Knights of

Honor'." That went by the board, too, you know. After a few remarks of that kind they accepted me.

I want to tell you how I stand on that thing. I am a churchman above everything else as far as that is concerned. The brother of the Synod told me: "I would be very much delighted if you were not a member of the Masonic Fraternity." I asked him: "How does it affect my theology, did you ever notice it has affected it what-so ever?" He said: "No, I will have to admit that when you preach you preach the Gospel." I said: "Then, what is the trouble?" I then made him this proposition: "If you will get me a declaration of the Lutheran Church in Germany against Secret Fraternities, or the Masonic Order I will leave it. If you will go into Sweden and find the church, as a church, making a declaration against Masonry I will leave it, or if you go into Norway or Denmark and find any declarations of the Lutheran Church against it, I will leave it." He said: "I cannot give you any information on that." I said: "No, I don't think you can get any." I said, "Recently I have seen that the Reichstag, Parliament, or congress, whatever you call it, has declared against Masonry, but not the church. The Lutheran countries are saturated with Masonry and until I am satisfied I am doing wrong I am going to stay with the Masons."

I have had my troubles but I am not worried at present. They let me alone now. They think I am young enough to know what I am doing and I think that is so myself. I am glad to be with you and I am glad of the invitation as I have great regard for our Grand Master. He knows a good thing and, therefore, he presented me to you. (Applause.)

THE GRAND MASTER: We are delighted to have Doctor Bickle with us and to have had him talk to us.

Grand Secretary Willson presented petition of James LeGrand Gilleland, which was read and referred to the Committee on Proposition and Grievances:

STATESVILLE, N. C., December 30, 1925.

To the Worshipful Master and Wardens of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I, James Lee Gilleland, a non-affiliated Mason, having been suspended from Grassy Branch Lodge, No. 559, of Terrell, N. C., on the 7th day of October, 1916, for failure to obey a legal summons issued by that Lodge, do hereby petition the Grand Lodge

for reinstatement as a Mason. I wish to say in my defense that I did not receive the summons and know of no cause why I should have been suspended unless it was for non-payment of dues.

I further wish to say that if I am reinstated, I will present my dimit to some Masonic Lodge and will try in every way to make myself a "Just and Upright Mason."

JAMES LEE GILLELAND.

Grand Secretary Willson presented the petition of Farmers Lodge, No. 404, for change of name, which was read and referred to the Committee on Charters:

DENTON, N. C., December 21, 1925.

To the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of North Carolina:

We, the members of Farmers Lodge, No. 404, A. F. & A. M., Denton, N. C., respectfully petition The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of North Carolina, to change the name of this Lodge from Farmers Lodge, No. 404, A. F. & A. M., to Denton Lodge, No. 404, A. F. & A. M.

This matter was taken up in lodge at a regular communication and the vote in favor of the change was unanimous.

Fraternally yours,

C. A. HOOVER,

C. R. RUSSELL,

Committee.

MEMBERS

J. E. Russell, H. Val Badgett, J. W. Cashatt, O. L. Gallimore, Arthur M. Gallimore, E. E. Hardy, L. A. Connell, J. M. Daniel, J. N. Kearns, J. W. Harris, Haye Harris, W. R. Badgett, N. V. Johnson, L. A. Smith, L. V. Miller, C. E. Clyatt, G. A. Peacock, W. P. Kinney, T. S. Everhart, I. F. Surratt, R. M. Stokes, B. C. Stokes, J. W. Newsom, A. L. Plummer, Rev. H. T. Penry, A. L. Hill, J. B. Crook.

Bro. R. M. Hall presented report of Committee on Unfinished Business, which was read and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully submit the following report:

On page 105 of the Proceedings of 1925, we find a resolution introduced by Grand Secretary W. W. Willson offering certain amendments to the Constitution which the Jurisprudence Committee on page 137 recommended lie over until this communication of the Grand Lodge in accordance with the Code.

On page 140, we find a resolution introduced by a number of brethren of Joppa Lodge, No. 530, Excelsor Lodge, No. 261, Craighead Lodge, No. 366 and Phalanx Lodge, No. 31, relative to amending the Constitution governing the payment of fees for the degrees

in installments and a minimum amount to be charged for the degrees.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. HALL,
P. T. HARRINGTON,
Committee.

Grand Secretary Willson presented petition of Bro. R. B. Johnson, expelled member of Luke McGlaughan Lodge, No. 504, which was read and referred to Committee on Proposition and Grievances:

To the Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., Raleigh, N. C.:

The undersigned petitioner represents that he was expelled by Luke McGlaughan Lodge, No. 504, A. F. & A. M., on the 15th day of May, 1924, upon the charge of un-Masonic conduct.

He now most respectfully prays the Grand Lodge to restore him as a non-affiliated Mason, for the following reasons:

At the time of the trial, he was twenty-three years old. He admitted his mistake and apologized to the lodge and asked to be given another chance. Since which time he has lived the life of an up-right Mason.

He promises, if restored to strictly comply with the laws and regulations of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

Petition is made under Sections 236 and 237 of the 1924 Code.

R. B. JOHNSON,
Petitioner.

Restoration is hereby recommended: James I. Crawford, Master Luke McGlaughan Lodge, No. 504, A. F. & A. F.; H. O. Boulter, Secretary Luke McGlaughan Lodge, No. 504, A. F. & A. M.; A. E. Cowan, Senior Warden Luke McGlaughan Lodge, No. 504; A. F. & A. M.; P. D. Parker, Junior Warden Luke McGlaughan Lodge, No. 504, A. F. & A. M.

Grand Secretary Willson submitted the following report as representative to the meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of United States and Canada:

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

By the direction of the Grand Master, I attended the 16th Biennial meeting of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, which was held at the La Salle Hotel in Chicago on September 8th and 9th. The meeting was called to order at ten o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, September 8th.

This organization has for the prime object of its existence the safe-guarding of member lodges in extending relief and also to facilitate the obtaining of relief promptly by worthy brothers. The Warning Circulars are sent to every lodge in this and other member states and are of incalculable benefit to the subordinate lodges in preventing of the disbursing of funds to unworthy part-

ies and prompt relief of those who are worthy. In the two years ending July 31, 1925, twenty-four Circulars were issued, reporting five hundred twenty-three new cases unworthy of relief and one hundred nineteen old cases. The full benefit of these Warning Circulars is obtained where the Secretary of the various subordinate lodges read them in their lodge meetings as they are thus given greater publicity than if simply filed and examined when applications are made to the relief committee of the lodges for assistance. The Association hopes that the importance of giving greater publicity to the Warning Circular will be impressed upon the officers of the Grand Lodge and their subordinate lodges. I am satisfied that the fact of the lack of general publicity being given the Circulars in this jurisdiction, has resulted in many members of the Craft being imposed upon by unworthy parties.

The Association has and is rendering valuable service to all member jurisdictions; but, in the final analysis to obtain the full benefit, it is necessary for the subordinate lodges to keep accurate data and promptly report all persons seeking relief whom they find to be frauds.

The next session of this Association will be held in Denver, Colorado, on Friday and Saturday, preceding the Communication of the General Grand Council and Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

W. W. WILLSON.

Grand Secretary Willson presented the following report of the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the United States:

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

The seventh annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the United States was held at the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, November 18-19, 1925. The meeting was called to order by M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Vice Chairman. M. W. Bro. Corona H. Briggs invoked the blessings of deity upon the meeting. After the singing of America and introduction of representatives and visitors, Past Grand Master Geo. D. Riley, of Mississippi, was unanimously elected chairman of the meeting. The first and most important business of the meeting was the reading of the report of the Executive Commission from which it was found that the following states were represented:

Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming.

An abstract of the report of the Executive Commission will be found in "The Master Mason" of December, 1925, and the full report will appear in the proceedings of the Association. It is too voluminous to incorporate in this report; however, it showed that the finances of the Association were in good condition, even with the enlarged and extended program which has been carried

out. During the past year the Association has arranged to produce an approved stereopticon and has arranged the manufacture of this Masoniscope by one of the best known concerns of the kind in the United States, and upon such terms for quantity production as to enable the Association to make them available to lodges in member jurisdictions at a cost far below that which any machine of equal value can be purchased in the market.

It is the intention of the Commission to issue not less than four illustrated lectures each year. These can be delivered to lodges at a nominal cost of something like one dollar each for the illustrated film and the printed lecture, and there will be furnished with each machine purchased by a lodge a strip of film containing the emblems and symbols for illustrating the lectures in the three degrees.

This will supply a long needed want to enable a lodge to emphasize the conferring of the various degrees.

One year ago the Executive Commission expressed itself by saying "if this Association is to stand for relief in practice as well as in its professions it should promptly and without further delay, see to it that good intentions are translated into definite action." In pursuance of that idea the relief committee composed of M. W. J. C. Braswell, Past Grand Master of North Carolina, M. W. Thos. McKinsey, Past Grand Master of Connecticut, M. W. Howard Knight, Grand Master of Rhode Island, and M. W. E. W. Spottsville, Grand Master of Montana, submitted a report recommending that the Executive Commission be directed to prepare at once suitable material for the purpose of bringing the matter of Tubercular relief before all the Grand Lodges of the United States, using "The Master Mason" and such other mediums and methods as may be necessary to raise the sum of not less than \$25,000, and as much more as may be necessary for the execution of plans for National Masonic Tubercular Relief. The Commission was further instructed to collect this money as speedily as possible and to pay \$5,000 to the National Masonic Tuberculosis Santoria Association as soon as that amount is collected, the balance to be held on deposit, with interest, until expenditure is directed by the Association. These recommendations of the committee were unanimously adopted.

Three member jurisdictions withdrew during the year just passed. In none of those, as we believe, and as is true in most instances of withdrawal during the history of the Association, has there been any serious attempt in an adequate way to make use of the educational program and to bring its benefits to the rank and file of the membership. All who have availed themselves and used the program of the Association expressed themselves as having received in their various jurisdictions, untold benefit.

In the evening session on Tuesday, the Appollo quartette which one year ago gave such an excellent entertainment, again favored the Association with another wonderful program which was highly enjoyed by all. The final business of the session was the election of the chairman and members of the Executive Commission from the Divisions as adopted in the change in the Constitution.

M. W. Bro. Andrew Foulds, Jr., was elected Chairman and M. W. Andrew L. Randell, Executive Secretary of the Masonic

Service Association. Both of these brethren were elected unanimously.

Commissioners were elected as follows:

New England Division—M. W. Bro. Dudley H. Ferrell (Mass.).

North Atlantic Division—M. W. Bro. William L. Daniels (N. J.).

South Atlantic Division—M. W. Bro. H. M. Poteat (N. C.).

Gulf Division—M. W. Bro. Prentiss B. Carter (La.).

Great Lakes Division—M. W. Bro. Hugh McPherson (Mich.).

Central Division—M. W. Bro. William M. Anderson (Okla.).

Corn Belt Division—M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell (N. D.).

North Pacific Division—R. W. Bro. Claude J. McAllister (Mont.).

South Pacific Division—R. W. Bro. Arthur C. Wherry (Utah).

Southwestern Division—R. W. Bro. Francis E. Lester (N. M.).

The representatives from North Carolina were Hubert McNeill Poteat, Past Grand Master, Commissioner, Rev. W. C. Wicker, Educational Field Secretary, J. C. Braswell, Past Grand Master, and W. W. Willson, Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BRASWELL,
Past Grand Master,

W. W. WILLSON,
Grand Secretary,

W. C. WICKER,
Ed. Field Secretary.

Past Grand Master J. C. Braswell submitted the following report of attendance at Grand Master's Conference:

Mr. Leon Cash, Grand Master:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:

As your Representative to the meeting of Grand Masters held in Hotel La Salle, Chicago, Ill., on November 17, 1925, I beg leave to report:

The meeting was called to order by Most Worshipful Brother Davenport, Grand Master of Illinois. Following an invocation by Past Grand Master Scott, of Illinois, and the singing of America, Grand Master Davenport welcomed the delegates and called the roll of the States; Grand Masters and delegates responding and introducing those who accompanied them. While but little of a constructive nature was accomplished, real action of a suggestive nature was taken and, doubtless, some of the knotty problems that have troubled us so much will soon be satisfactorily solved. "Jurisdictional Sovereignty" was ably discussed by Deputy Grand Master Hamilton of Pennsylvania, who forcefully presented the facts against clandestine Masonry in Pennsylvania

and the Nation as well, and asked for a resolution requesting all Grand Lodges which have not severed their fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France to consider doing so because of its invasion of the Sovereignty of some of the Grand Jurisdictions of the United States. That resolution was adopted and another was offered, to be presented in written form, to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the use of that body in its suit against a clandestine body operating in Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Conference was instructed to send both resolutions to the several Grand Lodges of the United States.

The dilemma of certain American citizens in innocently taking the degrees in Buenos-Aires was discussed. Grand Master Davenport of Illinois, discussed the subject of "Transferring Membership" and the varying practices of Grand Lodges regarding it. A committee was appointed to make a survey of transferring membership over the United States and report to the next conference. The "Relation of Grand Lodges to Masonic Boards of Relief" received much discussion and it was very noticeable that our great Order is anxious to be a real and virile force in relieving distress and suffering.

Since I have been a Mason I have heard much criticism of its leaders; its an old charge that too many office seekers are put in line in Grand Lodges and that we do not have the highest type of men as Grand Masters. The Delegates to this Association furnished a positive denial of that charge. It required no great ability to see character written on the faces of those who sat at the Council tables. The Delegates to this convention were men who reached their own conclusions by the exercise of their own brains, "men who know their rights, and knowing dare maintain them," and with such men to lead we need not be afraid. The enthusiasm manifested in this meeting and the wonderful harmony that prevailed is a sweet and comforting assurance of a unity of thought. "A single swallow does not make a summer," nor can one conference solve the many problems in Freemasonry, but hope promises to lead to greater heights and to better and more Fraternal understanding.

Fraternally,

J. C. BRASWELL.

Rev. W. C. Wicker submitted the following report as Educational Field Secretary:

Report on Masonic Education

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Another year on the dial of time is numbered with the past and we are called upon to render an account of our stewardship as your Educational Field Secretary and to lay plans for our further educational progress.

I should like first of all to express to you my keen appreciation of the high honor which you have conferred upon me by appointing me to this very responsible position fraught with such

great possibilities for the progress of Masonic enlightenment. With each passing year I am more and more sensible of the imperative need for our educational program, of the magnitude of the task we have undertaken, and of the great possibilities it affords for the progress of Masonry. When I first assumed the responsibility of this position, I was not insensible to my limitations and I knew that I should make mistakes and receive deserved criticism, because no one is perfect in this world of human imperfections; but I realized that my brethren would throw the broad mantle of charity over my mistakes and aid me in correcting my errors by sympathetic co-operation with me in disseminating Masonic light. With this faith I undertook the task and my faith was not misplaced for they have more than measured up to my expectations.

No words of mine can express to you whom I so much love the full measure of my appreciation for the confidence you have reposed in me and for the hearty support you have given me throughout our Grand Jurisdiction during the past three years. While I could not measure up to the full realization of my ideal, not to the high expectations of my brethren in this new undertaking, if I have, by aid of your loyal support, made such progress as to merit your approval I am happy.

It now becomes my duty to render an account of my stewardship and report to some extent the activities of my office for the past year, but no words of mine tell the whole story.

OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Immediately following my appointment by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, one year ago, the Committee on Masonic Education met and outlined the following program in addition to our previously adopted program and organization:

1. To continue the growth of knowledge and interpretation of the principles of Masonry, using the literature of the Masonic Service Association and supplementing this from other sources.
2. To emphasize the hidden truths of Masonry not stressed in the literature of the Masonic Service Association.
3. To begin the deeper study of the origin and development of the spiritual light and soul enlightenment concealed in the symbols of the three degrees in Masonry.

Your Educational Secretary has endeavored to carry out this program faithfully during the year by correspondence, by public addresses, and through the Educational Department of "The Orphans' Friend." Emphasis has been placed on the importance of learning the ritualistic and symbolic teachings of Masonry as a basis for all other advancement in our educational program. Following this the importance of acquiring an intellectual understanding of the deeper meaning of our ritualism and symbolism has been stressed, but realizing that, unless the result of our intellectual interpretation should be applied to spiritual enlightenment and soul growth, our endeavors would be futile, special attention has been given to the application of Masonic ideals in the building of higher Masonic character in the individual and in the improvement of the *esprit de corps* of the fraternity. But our undertaking did not stop here for we realized that character unexpressed in service would fail of its highest fruitage, so we have stressed the importance of the practical application of Masonic principles

in charity and benevolence. Special attention has been given to the support of our benevolent institutions, to the Masonic Educational Loan Funds, and to the support of our public school system as worthy channels for the expression of Masonic character and spiritual enlightenment.

There is no doubt in our mind that the great public school system of America is the greatest institution of our country for the dissemination of Masonic and American ideals among the millions of young people who are soon to become American citizens, and we should enlist every Mason and every true American citizen in loyal, active, and aggressive support of every measure and movement which looks to the advancement and improvement of this great institution through which the social inheritance of our forefathers and of the Masonic fraternity may be transmitted to coming generations. The educational program of the Masonic fraternity can render no greater service to America, to the young manhood and womanhood of the present generation, and to the cause of human liberty and spiritual tolerance than to mobilize our membership in support and continuous improvement of our public school system.

Constant attention has been given to the extension of our organization in every district and in every constituent lodge in the state. It is true that a well-conceived plan of organization had been worked out at the close of last year, but many of our districts had not adopted the plan of organization and many of our Lodges had not made provisions for an Educational Secretary and a monthly Educational Meeting; numbers of our lodges were holding Educational Meetings but were not reporting their meetings to the educational office. Attention has constantly been given to the development and practical application of this plan of conducting the educational program.

Your Educational Secretary has spent a great deal of his time in the field making addresses for the purpose of acquainting the brethren with our organization and its practical application in pursuing the educational program. The office is kept very busy in writing letters for the promotion of this system of conducting the educational meetings, and the correspondence grows heavier as the work advances. Your Secretary could use his entire time, to good advantage, in directing the office work, carrying on the correspondence, writing articles for publication, preparing bulletins for instruction, and creating new advancements in the undertaking. When he is forced to leave the office for a week at the time to make addresses in the field, the office work naturally lags behind and it requires several days to bring the work of the office up to normal condition on his return. On the other hand if your Educational Secretary devotes his entire time to the office so as to do some real constructive work, the field is neglected and many calls for addresses have to be refused. This condition is in no sense due to lack of efficient office help, but is due to the nature of the work that must be done by your Educational Secretary who is responsible for directing the organization.

LECTURES ON THE RITUALISTIC WORK

Your Educational Secretary has acted as Corresponding Secretary for the Grand Lecturers during the year. In this capacity he has written the lodges which had not employed a Lecturer for

two years and arranged with many of them to secure the services of one of the Lecturers and to study the ritualistic work as the basis for the educational program. As a result one hundred per cent more lodges were lectured during last year than during any preceding year. As our educational program is founded on a knowledge of the ritualistic work, every possible influence should be used to make our lecture system more efficient and more extensive until every lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction becomes familiar with the work.

The Grand Lecturers are co-operating with your Educational Secretary in promoting the educational program beyond mere rote memory of the ritualistic and symbolic work. The ideal method of conducting the educational activities would include the interpretation by the Lectures of the deeper meaning and higher truths of the ritualism and symbolism of Masonry along with the instruction they are giving under the present system. Several of our Lecturers are undertaking such interpretation and are securing good results.

Your Educational Secretary attended the two annual meetings of the Custodians and Grand Lecturers and had opportunity to further the interest of the educational program through such co-operation. We would recommend that this co-operation be continued as the lecture work is an integral part of our educational program.

EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

Each lodge is requested to hold a monthly educational meeting either singly or jointly with some other lodge or lodges except during the months of June, July and August. During these months, on account of the hot weather, lodges are advised to arrange for out-door Masonic picnics at which public Masonic educational addresses may be delivered and special emphasis may be placed upon Masonic charity in support of the Orphanage and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

The monthly educational meetings are held at regular communications set aside for this purpose. Each Master is expected to appoint an Educational Secretary for the lodge with the other appointive officers at the annual election. The name and address of the Educational Secretary should be reported to the educational office so that they may be placed on the mailing list of the Masonic Service Association for "The Master Mason" and the Short Talk Bulletins which are furnished free to the lodges for the promotion of the educational program. The Educational Secretary of each lodge should report each educational meeting to the educational office for permanent record, so that each lodge may receive credit for the number of educational meetings held. Many lodges are holding educational meetings, but are too modest to report their meetings to the educational office.

MASONIC LITERATURE

There is a growing demand for Masonic Literature with the progress of the educational activities. The Little Masonic Library consisting of twenty volumes of the best Masonic Literature has had a marvelous sale. Many sets of these books have been sold in our Grand Jurisdiction to lodges for the use of the leaders in the educational meetings and to individuals for their personal

use. This publication can be had through the educational office for the small sum of \$5.00, and it is easily worth twice this amount.

The National Masonic Library, sold by The Masonic Service Association, has supplied a long felt need. These books may be purchased in single volumes, in sections at reduced prices, or the entire library may be purchased at one time. This would give any lodge a good working library and greatly further the educational program.

"The Master Mason," our National Masonic Journal for Blue Lodges, has supplied a long felt need and has had a phenomenal growth in its development and its circulation. This journal is furnished free by The Masonic Service Association to each lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction for the use of the Educational Secretary in promoting Masonic Education. The subscription price has been reduced to \$2.50 and every Master Mason should subscribe for this periodical and read it consistently.

The Short Talk Bulletins are also sent regularly to the Educational Secretaries of the lodges for use in the educational meetings. This Bulletin always carries a fine message for an educational program and should be used for the enlightenment of the Craft. Many of our Educational Secretaries are using this to good purpose, but others fail to appreciate its value and never make it available to the lodge.

The Orphans Friend is being read more widely than ever before and the Educational Department publishes articles and addresses on Masonic Education, and is a medium of exchange for the Craft in the discussion of Educational problems. If your Educational Secretary had more time at his command, he could greatly increase the efficiency of this department of the paper in furthering the Educational work.

Many of the members of our Fraternity are subscribing for other Masonic Journals, and are reading Masonic Bulletins and periodicals as a result of our Educational awakening.

FIELD ACTIVITIES

During this year, there have been more calls than during the preceding years for the services of the Educational Secretary for addresses and discussion of the educational work. In response to these calls your Secretary has devoted a large part of his time to field work. Generally these addresses and lectures are made at joint meetings of the representatives of several lodges under the direction of the District Deputy Grand Masters. Some of them, however, have been presented at special educational communications of individual lodges. In some cases, several Lodges of a single district have been visited, and addresses have been made preparatory to a central Educational Meeting of the District. In many instances, these addresses have been accompanied by moving pictures on Masonic Education. These pictures always awaken interest because of visual presentation of Educational topics.

The Masonic Service Association has recently perfected a plan by which it can furnish a new device known as a Film Stereopticon for illustrating the symbols in degree work and Educational Lectures. This instrument takes the place of a stereopti-

con which uses expensive glass slides. The "Masoniscope" uses a film at small cost and easy to handle. This machine can be purchased with the film for all degrees at a price not to exceed \$50.00 which will place it in the reach of every lodge equipped with electric lights. It is the purpose of the Association to prepare four Educational addresses each year and a film to illustrate these addresses which may be purchased at one dollar each. This will be a great help in furthering the Educational work.

Upon the advice of the Committee on Masonic Education, your Secretary attended Scottish Rite Reunions at Greensboro, Raleigh, Wilmington, and New Bern for the purpose of enlisting the active co-operation of Scottish Rite Masons in furthering Masonic Education in the Blue Lodges. Many of the Scottish Rite Masons enlisted in the Educational work as a result of these visits. This work should be extended to all the Scottish Rite Reunions in the state because of the good results both to the lodges and to the Scottish Rite Masons who engage in this type of service.

Your Secretary, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Education, in company with Dr. J. C. Braswell and Dr. Hubert M. Poteat, Past Grand Masters and members of the Committee on Masonic Education, and Grand Secretary W. W. Willson, attended the Annual Meeting of the Grand Masters of the United States and the Masonic Service Association of America, at Chicago, Illinois, November 17, 18 and 19, 1925. A full report of this meeting was published in the December issue of The Master Mason.

At this meeting, your Educational Secretary was placed on the program for a talk on the Educational activities in our Grand Jurisdiction; and all the representatives from North Carolina served on Committees or in some executive capacity while in the meeting of the Association and Past Grand Master Hubert M. Poteat was unanimously re-elected Executive Commissioner for the South Atlantic Division.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Your Educational Field Secretary would make the following recommendations:

1. That the present plan of organization and operation of the Educational Program be continued, viz; that the District Deputy Grand Masters direct the Educational work of their respective Districts; that Masters appoint Educational Secretaries of their lodges with the other appointive officers at the annual elections; and that Educational Secretaries receive The Master Mason and Short Talk Bulletins, conduct the Monthly Educational Meetings by appointing speakers or leaders, assigning subjects for study, and report or have the Recording Secretary to report the meetings to the Educational Office.

2. That the name and address of the appointed Educational Secretary be reported to the Grand Secretary with the returns as are the names of other appointive officers. This will save a great deal of time and expense to the Educational Office without incurring any additional expense to the Grand Lodge.

3. That the Master and Wardens in each lodge by virtue of their office be constituted a Committee on Masonic Education to

see that Educational Meetings are regularly held and reported to the Educational Office.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT

	Salary	Office Help	Sec'y's Expense	Office Expense
January -----	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$ 28.62	\$102.40
February -----	300.00	100.00	23.60	41.98
March -----	300.00	100.00	49.80	42.88
April -----	300.00	100.00	86.47	20.60
May -----	300.00	100.00	55.20	13.75
June -----	300.00	100.00	50.36	19.00
July -----	300.00	100.00	37.36	37.00
August -----	300.00	100.00	62.53	19.50
September -----	300.00	100.00	118.63	18.08
October -----	300.00	100.00	86.70	23.60
November -----	300.00	100.00	149.87	43.28
December -----	300.00	100.00	69.11	43.54
	<u>\$3600.00</u>	<u>\$1200.00</u>	<u>\$817.85</u>	<u>\$425.61</u>

SUMMARIES

	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1, 1925 -----	\$223.69	
Received by Draft -----	\$6034.46	
Salary -----		\$4800.00
Secretary's Expenses -----		817.85
Office Expenses -----		425.61
Balance January 1, 1926 -----		223.69
	<u>\$6,267.15</u>	<u>\$6,267.15</u>

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE IN THE OFFICE

Number Letters written from Jan. 1, 1925 to Jan. 1, 1926 ..	6748
Inclosures -----	9984
Pieces Literature mailed -----	982

In closing my report, I wish to express my high appreciation to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for conferring upon me the honor which the office of Educational Field Secretary carries with it, for his loyal support of the Educational Program, and for the many personal courtesies extended to me during his term of office. I wish to extend to the members of the Committee on Masonic Education my gratitude for their wise counsel, patient forbearance, and loyal support in all my undertakings for the advancement of Masonic Education. I wish to express my goodwill and fraternal fellowship to the Custodians and Grand Lecturers for their co-operation in furthering our common cause of Masonic enlightenment. I desire to record my high regard for the District Deputy Grand Masters who have so loyally co-operated with me in promoting the good of Masonry in their respective Districts. By Sacrifice and service, with unstinting devotion to the work, these key men have organized their Districts and held one or more District Meetings in which the Educational Program has been emphasized. The Masters and Wardens and Educational Secretaries of the lodges have co-operated with your Educational

Secretary and presented the Educational Program to the individual members where the real Educational work must be done and they deserve the highest appreciation which this Grand Lodge and your Educational Field Secretary can bestow upon them.

Again thanking all members of the Craft who have contributed anything to the furtherance of Masonic enlightenment, soul growth, and character building through the Educational activities of the closing year, I herewith return my commission and render my report for your review and approval.

Most respectfully submitted,

W. C. WICKER,
Educational Field Secretary.

GRAND MASTER: We are very fortunate, as I announced last night, in having present with us today, the Secretary of the Masonic Service Association and Managing Editor of the "Master Mason," Past Grand Master Andrew L. Randell, of Texas. Some of us remember with a great deal of pleasure his visit here some years ago and we are just delighted to have him pay a return engagement. I know we will enjoy it even better than he does. I desire to present Grand Master Randell:

MR. RANDALL: Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina: I am going to ask you to bear with me a little while this morning, because I fear I am suffering from a morning mind of a different sort from that which we heard so eloquently described by the Grand Orator last night. If any of you have ever spent the first part of the night chewing the rag with such men as Poteat and Timberlake and the rest of the night reading the Foreign Relations Committee's report, by Ed Allen, you will know what I mean by a morning mind and, by way of parenthesis, I want to say that the reason I sat up until nearly dawn reading Allen's report is because it is, to my mind, the most interesting, the most effective, and the most instructive of all Grand Lodge reports published in the United States, and when we find in the Grand Lodge of North Carolina such leadership as you have, such vision as it is evident you bring to the consideration of your Masonic problems and activities, it becomes a joy and pleasure for those of us who do not stay in this jurisdiction to have the opportunity to pay you a little visit, to sit in the Grand Lodge, and come in contact again, as I do, with old friends among your leaders whom I have known for years and to drink at the fountain of this great body of

Freemasonry, which recognizes not only Masonic activities but spiritual values and has no limit to the things it will undertake which are for the good of the craft and will promote the interests of the country and of mankind.

I want to say, in all sincerity, and I hope you will not think I am trying to flatter or compliment this Grand Lodge, that I do not think there is any Masonic membership in any jurisdiction that has a finer and higher conception of the objects of Freemasonry than in North Carolina, and I think you are recognized throughout the length and breadth of the land as a Grand Lodge with a great vision, a high purpose, and with the capacity, knowledge, and ability to reach every objective and to serve your commonwealth as well as the members of your Craft.

It is a pleasure for me to come back to your Grand Lodge because of the pleasant associations I have had with your leaders in the years gone by. I think I shall acknowledge, first, the long knowledge I have had of your Grand Secretary, Brother Willson. I knew Brother Willson in the days before he lost his voice. (Laughter.) If I may be permitted to do so by your Grand Master, I want to put in a word for your Grand Secretary. I realize the force and effect of what your Grand Master said last night but I hope you will not displace good Brother Willson at this time. Maybe he will continue to function. I wondered why it was that the Grand Master intimated that the Grand Secretary might not be able to get along like he was, but a little later in the evening the light shown on me when I heard the Grand Master direct that a certain message be sent on his behalf and then I realized that possibly he desired to be Grand Secretary himself. (Laughter.)

Some years ago in a London music hall there was an entertainment going on the crowd didn't like and over there they don't hesitate to say so and to act in accordance with their views. The crowd stood it for a little while and finally a tenor singer was doing his stuff and some one grabbed him and started out with him. Another man in the crowd said: "Hold on, don't waste him, kill a fiddler with him." (Laughter.) Now, if you are going to call Brother Willson off of his high horse as Grand Secretary, don't waste him, put him somewhere because he is too valuable to waste. I want to tell you that there are times in the meetings of the various organ-

izations when the accoustics are so bad and the noise is so loud from the street, we would not be able to hear anything unless we could call on Brother Willson to take the floor. (Laughter.)

There is another man I want to single out in this Grand Lodge to pay him a tribute that is due him. That is Past Grand Master H. M. Poteat. (Applause.) I have been closely associated with him for a number of years and he has been one of the leaders in the development of the Masonic Service Association in the United States for several years gone by and he is now serving his second term as a member of the Executive Commission of that organization and he brings to that body a real vision, a great ability, and a willingness to carry on almost beyond any other member of that particular governing body. He has been a help and inspiration to the officers, the administration forces and especially to the Executive Secretary. More than that, he has been my close personal friend and he has extended to me the privilege of his home and I acknowledge it with credit before this Grand Lodge who love and honor him. (Applause.) Within the last day or two I have been on a little visit in his home at Wake Forest and when I was up there talking to Timberlake and a few other people that knew him ever since he was born I realized how completely he had overcome some of his early handicaps. Somebody up there told me an incident of his life which I will pass on to you, because you know now that he is absolutely to be trusted and everything he says can be relied upon. I was told that in the old days, his father took him out on the school grounds and had a little talk with him. His father had recognized his youthful tendencies and weaknessess and took him off to give him a real talking to. He said: "Now, Hubert, you must overcome this weakness and if you don't tell a story this week, I will give you a pony." He said: "All right, Pa, that pony is mine." The young son then walked over the grounds and passed some of the boys, who said: "Hello, Hubert." Hubert said: "Shut up." They said: "What's the matter with you." He said: "Shut up." They said: "Something's the matter with you, tell us about it." He again told them to shup up, but finally they kept after him until he said: "Go, I cannot afford to talk to you or anybody; the old man told me if I wouldn't tell a lie between now and dinner time he would give me a span of

mules and a wagon." (Laughter). I wouldn't tell that on him except it has expired by limitations and he earned the pony and has been earning it ever since.

I am sure my other friends will pardon me for not speaking individually as to any except those two, for the men who have served you and have been in your chairs from year to year have worked as hard as anybody and their ability and leadership is recognized and they are of great service at every meeting they attend. I was a little amazed this morning when I heard the report of Doctor Wicker, your Field Secretary. It was a splendid report.

I am not here, gentlemen, to make you a speech. Doctor Newton was to come and make you a speech this morning and he was much disappointed to be detained at the last moment. He is a great speaker, a great thinker, a great Mason, and a great writer. I regret you did not have the pleasure of hearing him. I am here to make a little talk as your representative, your Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association which you support and which you control, to tell you something of the work of the organization and some of the things we do and plan to do. I came here three years ago in the early stages of the movement to tell you something we wanted to do, but I really come here this morning to report something to you and to learn of you, of your Committee and your Field Secretary, of the work in North Carolina, and I was amazed when I heard his report read the first time and realized what a splendid work had been done, what a splendid foundation had been laid and how far you had gone in such a short time. If we can get in every jurisdiction in this country a Committee with the power and vision of your Committee, and a Field Secretary with the energy, the ability, and the character of your Field Secretary, this work will spread over the country like a very fire and we would have to double and treble our organization everywhere to keep up with it.

I don't know of any jurisdiction that has made the progress in the same length of time that you have and I say to you, gentlemen, that from my experience the report read this morning represents the best report and shows the best condition for the same length of time in any jurisdiction, and I hope, and believe, that this Grand Lodge will find the way to give this Committee and this Secretary all the support of every kind and char-

acter they ask for to keep this work growing and spreading. You have just scratched the surface of the educational movement. We have just done that in Texas where we have been at it years longer than you have, but we must keep at it; we must till that field; we must cultivate that soil; we must bring the real lesson and the real meaning of Freemasonry into the lives and hearts of our Masons everywhere or we will not function like we ought to function, and we will have no right to speak as we do now of our membership. We cannot hope to bring men into our doors year after year by the hundred and thousands until we have grown into a fraternity of millions of men unless we are going to do our duty by them on the one hand and the fraternity on the other. We must teach them what it is all about, give them a knowledge of the use of the tools put into their hands for Masonic service, service to their community as well as to themselves and to the craft. It is the great mission of the Masonic Fraternity, three-fold. It can be stated in many ways but I don't know of any better way to state it than this: Its mission is first, service; second, stability, and, third the realization of spiritual values. If we do not get these things in the highest degree we are not functioning as a craft and not functioning in our individual capacities as we ought. Unless we can build an organization of men in every city, town, hamlet, village and cross-roads of the Nation, representing the highest kind and character of citizenship; if we cannot take these men and teach them service to their commonwealth and their country, to humanity at large, as well as to themselves and their families; if we cannot weld them into the great stabilizing force of the Nation in the crises mentioned in the address of the Grand Orator last night, and teach them a knowledge and realization of the spiritual values of this fraternity, then we are not functioning and we ought to find some able leadership that will show us how to function. That is all Freemasonry is for. It is not an insurance organization, or a commercial organization engaged in accumulating assets and paying dividends. We are the only organization of our kind in the world—a brotherhood of men realizing and recognizing the common brotherhood of all men, and the common Fatherhood of God, that we are his children and banded together for the purpose of learning to live together as

brethren, to consider each other and each other's interests and to teach the humanity about us how to live.

You will never solve the problems outlined by the Grand Orator last night in any way except by the solution and application of the principles of brotherhood. There is no other solution. You may write all the treaties you please and they become mere scraps of paper when Nations want to go to War, but if you will teach all nations the recognition of their brethren and to treat each other as brethren you will never hear the roll of the war drum or the sound of the cannon at the front. You may have all sorts and kinds of conditions and you have them wherever you live, on the mountains or on the coast, in the city or on the farm, you have the problems of your daily lives—everyone of them can be solved, I care not what they may be or from what source they spring, by some application of a principle taught in the three degrees of this good fraternity of ours, but, in order to know how to apply those principles, you must teach the members of this fraternity what they are and what their meanings are. That is what the Masonic Service Association is trying to foster over the country and I am glad to report to you that we are successfully fostering. I believe everyone will say that we have reached the end of the most successful year in our history. We have been finding ourselves, as you have been doing in North Carolina, finding our work, finding the needs of the craft, and arranging and planning to meet those needs. We have been producing all sorts of Masonic literature. I am glad that Brother Wicker said in his report what he did about the Little Masonic Library of the Masonic Service Association's International Library. They cost very little and men who have those books and will read and digest them will know more Masonry than the Past Grand Masters of the years gone by. In the Little Masonic Library we have endeavored to put in twenty little volumes, practically every field of Masonic history, research and symbolism. Twenty volumes, each of which may be read in one night, can be bought for \$5.00, or at an average cost of twenty-five cents each, a feat which the publishers of the Country said could not be performed. The Masonic Service Association always has been and always will be founded on service, and not upon profit. The income of the Association is not sufficiently to let us make available to everybody

everywhere these twenty volumes without any cost, but the Association is able to go out and get men who are willing to write, willing to read proof, willing to set type, and do all of those things necessary to make up a set of books on a minimum basis, and we were able to distribute them at a minimum price, regardless of any profit involved, and the result is that since they were published, ten thousand sets, or 200,000 volumes are scattered throughout the length and breadth of the Nation and 10,000 more sets are coming off of the press now and men can become the best informed Masons for a five dollar bill and put a library on their shelves that will teach them the whole secret of Masonic literature and give them a real Masonic Education. The same way with the other books and publications. We have made the *Master Mason* available to the craft as a great Blue Lodge Journal reaching everyone monthly. I want to tell you what we have been able to do with that. The great problem in Masonic Education, a great problem in North Carolina, and in the Nation, is to reach the individual members of the craft. Your speakers will reach a certain percentage of them, your books will reach a certain percentage, your literature will reach some of them, but your great problem is to reach all of the craft constantly with enough material over a sufficient period of time to give every member a real fundamental Masonic education. The government has solved that and reference has been made to it last night and today. The government finds it must have a fundamentally educated and well informed citizenship. They found out after years and years of trial that they could not have universal education unless they had compulsory education in the public schools, and Freemasonry of this country realizes that we cannot have an universally educated Masonry unless we reach every man periodically with Masonic literature. So, the Masonic Service Association has gone to work to solve that problem for the Grand Lodges. We have found a way whereby we can reach every Master Mason every month with real Masonic literature. Now, we are trying out a plan under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to publish for that Grand Lodge a New Jersey edition which contains the regular issue and sixteen pages each month devoted to that Grand Lodge itself, thereby conveying to

everyone of the 80,000 Masons in that jurisdiction every month the affairs of the Grand Lodge and the Masonic literature which appears in the Master Mason. If that continues to prove successful it will be opened to all Grand Lodges who want to use that method of reaching the craft and we are able to do that on a basis of service, on a basis of loss by using some of the income we have from the grand jurisdiction, at an estimate of \$1.00 per capita per year, to solve the problem of the Grand Lodges, who have been trying to have their own journal, who have been stumped on account of the great cost thereof. This is made possible by the co-operative efforts of all of these Grand Jurisdictions who provide the overhead and the things necessary for the success of such a movement. We expect from time to time, as funds are available, to produce motion pictures, but to show motion pictures you have to have motion picture machines and other things which are not easy for the small town. The result is we are using the stereopticon and showing each little frame, sixteen to the foot, and we have made these machines available from \$48.00 to \$60.00 and with this system we use you get the same lectures. If you haven't got electricity you can run a wire to your Ford car and show these pictures and show the emblems of the three degrees in giving your lectures to the candidates and have the same program as if you lived in the biggest community with the largest lodge room in the country. We must all remember that visual education has come to stay. This machine will visualize to the eye those things it is so difficult for some of us to get through the ear. Those lecturers will be historically symbolic of all sorts of phases and conditions in Masonry and you will find them the most attractive thing you can get in the lodge and the outfit which we propose to sell to the lodges, the machine, the extra lamp, the carrying case, wire and three or four volumes that go with it, would cost you in the open market approximately \$85.00. The reason we are able to do that is because, in the first place, we make no profit. In the second place, we buy in large quantities, and, in the third place we enter into competition with nobody, because we are in a field no one can get into except the Masonic organizations. Because of these features, you get those things into your hand for something like sixty per cent of what you would

have to pay if you bought the same thing on the open market.

I don't want to take up any more of your time along those lines. I think that Brother Wicker, your Committee and your Grand Master, as they go on with this program successfully throughout North Carolina will keep you informed of developments and show you best how to get results with this literature and this movement among your communities.

There is one thing I want to touch upon, to show you that the Masonic Service Association, which you have so ably supported since its organization, is reaching out on the basis of service—heretofore, while we have been organized for relief we have never done anything along the line of relief except when we stepped out and helped our brethren at Tokio re-established the American School for education there. There has been no particular occasion, as far as calamity is concerned, for the Association to function for relief. However, conditions have arisen, in fact, they have existed for some time and now, under the leadership of this Association the craft at large will be given an opportunity to perform an obligation, to perform a duty, that should have been done years ago, the lack of provision for which has been a shame. I am not going into detail on this matter of tubercular relief. I am sending out a bulletin on the subject which will give you all the facts. Doctor Braswell will probably also give you some of the facts during this session of the Grand Lodge. You have heard it referred to by Doctor Wicker. It would amaze you to know how many thousands of members of the craft all over the United States are suffering from tuberculosis. It may amaze you to know that we lose 5000 members a year from death by tuberculosis. It may amaze you to know that all over the Southwestern part of the country where the climate is particularly suited for the cure of tuberculosis there are thousands and thousands of the craft who are practically helpless, who go down there with no means of support or slight means of support, in the hope that they may be able to get a firmer grasp on life and come back into health and strength. The Masons there have found the situation and have surveyed it and we have gotten the facts together, using the Tuberculosis Association and every source of information. Now your Masonic Service Association is bringing to the attention of the craft everywhere that situation and we are developing a

plan to report to the next meeting whereby there will be definite relief for the tubercular Masons all over the country. We are organized for two purposes, one for education and one for relief. I don't know which is more important, but, generally, education I think is more important. However, in this particular instance, with a condition like this in the Southwest, that is more important for immediate action. In any event we are now reaching our stride and settling into the two phases of our work for which you organized us. We raised \$20,000.00 from the Grand Lodges in the jurisdiction this year for relief in that part of the country and we will develop a permanent plan of relief to take care of the situation, and I believe it will bring the Masonic Fraternity to an eminence it has not yet reached in its own estimation and in the minds of the people generally.

I want to conclude with the Association, having taken more time than I intended, with this idea. We are talking about Masonic charity. We do a lot of Masonic charity and we do more in North Carolina than in any jurisdiction in this country. I have esteemed it a privilege to go up and down the length and breadth of the United States in speaking to Grand Lodges and holding up the Grand Lodge of North Carolina before the Masons of this country, because you are the only Grand Lodge that reaches out and takes up the children of non-Masons in their home. I have used you to inspire the Masons of this country and to shame them, because practically all of the charitable undertakings are confined within the craft and it is the rarest thing that we reach out to help anyone except me, and my wife and my son, John. I don't believe it is charity for a man to provide for his own. I don't believe when a man provides for his invalid father and mother, or his oldest child he is doing anything to be given credit for or that he is exercising a charitable instinct. He is simply doing his duty by his own and nothing else. That's what we are doing in Texas and we are doing it magnificently. We are doing almost as good a job, if not as good, as you are doing in Oxford. I brought three or four hundred copies of the *Master Mason* just off the press with me, in which the leading article is on Oxford Orphanage, to be broadcast throughout the United States, because among other things it tells the fact that you do take children of non-Masons and do support somebody besides yourselves in

your charitable institution. But, my brethren, we are not doing ourselves justice when we keep these things within the the fraternity and the public knows little about it. The public judges the Masonic fraternity by the amount of Masonic brotherly aid and charity that you disburse in your various communities and I want the public to know that every Grand Lodge, every local lodge and every individual Mason will realize how much he can do with a few dollars and cents, not only for his own, but others, and how much he can do when he functions in some times more needly and more effective Masonic Charity which reaches out into the hearts, problems and conditions of those among whom he lives and gives a helping hand, a strong arm, and a word of encouragement. The more we know of our three degrees, the more these things will be true, the more we understand the history of the things out of which our rituals have grown and developed the bigger and better and more valuable citizens we will become in the communities in which we live. The more we understand of the real purposes of Masonry, those of brotherhood, a universal brotherhood among all mankind, the more powerful we will become to exercise those stabilizing influences in our communities that will solve our problems, raise the standard of our living and bring us closer to the day of complete civilization which will be the ultimate day of universal brotherhood. For all you have been doing and all you propose to do along these lines I bring to you greetings and gratitude from your brethren in Texas and throughout the jurisdiction. (Applause.)

DOCTOR BRASWELL: I wish to offer a resolution which we are anxious to get before the Committee on Finance at their first session. At the last meeting of the Masonic Service Association held in Chicago last November, which I attended as one of your representatives, if any one thing impressed me more than another, it was the determination of every man in that association not only to commit himself to, but to engage personally in, and to insist upon your engagement in, that particular line of effort which made the Gentle Nazarene the outstanding figure of all ages, that of service. Hope has been wavering for quite a while but we now have the opportunity of translating its promises into what, in my opinion, will be active service along the line that the Master Pilot's hand has been directing these last

few years. Service to the Tubercular Masons of America! I have quite an array of statistical data in my pocket but I shall not burden you with reading it. I believe I know this Grand Lodge sufficiently well to know that all it needs is to have its attention called to the great demands of our tubercular brethren. That section of the country known as the Southwest has been burdened with the care of these migratory cases of tuberculosis, because in search of health they have gone to that section of the country, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona particularly. So many tuberculars migrate to those States on account of their climate conditions with the hope of relief that those brethren there have not been and are not able to furnish the food, the medicine, the rest and the general care that tuberculars need and, as a result, a great many deaths from tuberculosis occur among the Masons in that particular section. It is estimated that North Carolina alone, on the basis of the 1924 Masonic population, has 55 annual deaths and 495 living cases. It is true the death rate from tuberculosis in North Carolina is rather larger than in some other sections due, in my opinion as a physician, to the great per cent of our negro population. What we want to do is to strike hearts and hands with the brethren of American in devising some plans for relief, as far as possible, to these tuberculars. To do it requires money. It cannot be done for the asking, it will take time to do it. It is estimated by Past Grand Master Lester of New Mexico that 5,000 hospitals or sanitariums will be necessary to take care of the tubercular of the Nation. We cannot hope to build these sanitariums in a day or a year—it will require time, but we can make a beginning. The idea has been suggested to build a large sanitarium, but the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodges of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, which have formed a National Masonic Tubercular Association, I believe it is known as, do not recommend any such procedure. They claim, and justly so, that there should be several sanitariums districted throughout the various sections of the country, and among the states that will in all probability have one of these sanitariums would be North Carolina, somewhere about Asheville or that section. I am not going to say anything else about this

Past Grand Master Braswell introduced the following resolution which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

Whereas, after four years discussion in various Masonic Bodies, of the needs and condition of tuberculous Masons, the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Mexico organized and incorporated the "National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association," thus creating a legal Masonic Body in which American Freemasonry can unite in a national program for relief and hospitalization of consumptive Masons and the prevention of Tuberculosis among Masons and their families, and

Whereas, the Masonic Service Association of the United States at its annual meeting in Chicago, November 17-18, 1925, endorsed this national movement and officially recognized the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association as the proper Masonic agency to carry it forward, and approved the purposes of the Sanatoria Association, and pledged to it the active assistance of the Service Association, including assistance in securing necessary funds for organization and publicity work required to secure the co-operation of the forty-nine Grand Jurisdictions in this new and much-needed work of Masonic service and benevolence, and

Whereas, reliable estimates prepared by the National Tuberculosis Association, based upon the United States Census Bureau statistics, show that there are more than 4000 deaths annually, from tuberculosis and from 35,000 to 40,000 living cases among American Freemasons, which numbers would be greatly increased if the number of deaths and cases among our wives and children could be estimated, and

Whereas, this Grand Jurisdiction's share of this great toll of death, sickness and suffering, based upon a Masonic population of 40,609 is estimated to be approximately fifty-five annual deaths and 496 living cases, and

Whereas, the purposes of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association are declared to be "To act as an agency, or trustee, to receive and administer funds contributed or acquired for the relief of Freemasons and their families; to secure hospitalization of the sick; to render service according to the need and our ability; to erect and operate Sanatoria; to aid in the prevention and treatment of Tuberculosis among Masons and their families; to disseminate knowledge as to the cause, methods of treatment, relief and cure of Tuberculosis," therefore, be it

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge hereby approve the action of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico in the organization and incorporation of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association and also approves the objects and purposes of the Sanatoria Association, and be it further

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge hereby accepts the invitation extended to us by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico to participate in the organization, management and control of this movement, and hereby authorizes the Grand Master, or such person as he appoints, to serve as the representative of this Grand Jurisdiction as a member of the Board of Governors of the National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, and be it further

Resolved, that this Grand Lodge hereby recognize the Sanatoria Association as our agent and as the legal Masonic Body to carry out a national program for relief and hospitalization of the sick and for the prevention of Tuberculosis among American Freemansons and their families.

MR. A. B. ANDREWS: The Finance Committee directed me to make a statement to the Grand Lodge so it may be governed accordingly. They had a preliminary meeting this morning and went over the affairs of the Grand Lodge. A year ago we gave an estimate that the disbursements of the Grand Lodge would be \$135,540.00, and actually they were \$512.29 less than that. We estimated the receipts would be \$132,989; actually the receipts were \$127,176, meaning that the receipts fell short \$7,489. That shortage is after counting in the interest on the bank deposits and the income from the Masonic Relief Fund. Now, for that estimate the Finance Committee wishes to assume such part of the responsibility as is theirs. We gave our estimate in good faith as to what would be the net increase. Four years ago the Grand Lodge was initiating ten per cent of its total membership, but the estimate last year was based on about five and a half per cent and actually the initiates were only four percent; instead of 2250, there were only 1600. Each initiate taken into the Masonic lodge pays the Grand Lodge \$11.00, which meant a difference in receipts to the Grand Lodge of \$7,000.00. That is where it came in. The Treasurer's statement shows an apparent balance, but if you will charge against that balance the amount of the Health Fund set aside several years ago not used, and some other accounts, instead of the net debit balance there is a red balance of about \$1,000.00. The \$7500.00 less receipts last year, from a membership of practically 42,000 is very nearly twenty cents per capita. If you want to take up the matter of suggested appropriations that have been made, some of which have been offered on the floor and included in reports, others which have not been brought to the floor; the total amount about which the Committee has heard runs to about \$11,000.00, which would equal a per capita tax of thirty cents. We do not feel that we should have a per capita tax of over \$2.50. However, we are your Finance Committee to carry out your wishes and we will do the best we can and try to take care of the

activities the Grand Lodge is committed to now and such that can be taken on advantageously. Don't take it from this talk that Masonry is on the down grade, but it is taking the natural re-action that had to come after sixty cents tobacco and forty cents cotton. As I stated while ago the initiations were ten per cent of the membership; they had money to pay for it when they came in; they had money to buy silk shirts and automobiles. Now we have gotten down to the time when the men in Masonry are serious minded. The figures last year show a higher rate of suspension for non-payment of dues than ever before. There is a steadily decreasing scale of re-adjustment which shows that Masonry is going through a gradual process of eliminating a number of men from the fraternity who were Masons in name but not in spirit. This is not peculiar to Blue Lodge Masonry; it is the same thing in all secret orders in the United States. The Knights of Pythias were gaining five years ago at the rate of nine and ten per cent a year. Now they are gaining one-fifth of one per cent. There are two reasons for this, the falling off of the number applying and the dropping out of those who did not become imbued with the principles of the order, to live up to its teachings. Last September the Grand Lodge of Old Fellows of the United States met and showed a net loss in membership of 19,000 for the year ending December 31st, 1924, but that loss of 19,000 was an improvement over the previous year when they lost 25,000. We might as well recognize that the Grand Lodge derives practically all of its income from the \$2.50 per capita tax, and the \$11.00 tax on initiates, which is the extent of our ability to finance the affairs of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge must live within that limitation or increase the tax. With this statement the Finance Committee hopes to bring in a report tonight which will be satisfactory, but if it is not it will be due to matters beyond our control. We have got to take present conditions to forecast the future. We hope there will be an increase in the number of applicants and a decrease in the number falling out for non-payment of dues.

Bro. B. S. Royster submitted the following report of the Board of General Purpose which was read:

To The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Report of Board of General Purposes:

The report of Grand Master Cash contains much valuable information and we urge every member of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction to read and heed its wholesome and uplifting Sentiments. We are pleased to note that even and exact justice tempered always with mercy have been the watchwords of the Grand Master during his administration. He has served well and wisely. We express to him on behalf of all the brethren of the State, our profound gratitude and appreciation of his unselfish devotion to duty and for his loyal and efficient services.

DISTRIBUTION AND CLASSIFICATION

So much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the various subjects dealt with is distributed as follows:

Fraternal dead: to the Committee on Necrology;

Oxford Orphanage: to the Committees on Oxford Orphanage and Finance;

Masonic and Eastern Star Home: to the Committees on Masonic and Eastern Star Home and Finance;

George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Masonic Loan Fund: to the Committee on Finance;

Educational Field Work: to the Committee on Education Work;

Foreign Correspondence: to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence;

Masonic Service Association: to the Committee on Educational Work;

History of North Carolina Masonry: to a special committee as recommended in the report;

Rulings on Decisions, new Code and Digest: to the Committee on Jurisprudence;

Masters of lodges suspended: to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances;

Dispensations: to the Committee on Charter and Dispensations.

Recommendations and Masonic Offences 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7: to the Committee on Jurisprudence;

Grand Secretary's Office: to the Committee on Finance.

Fraternally submitted,

B. S. ROYSTER,

S. M. GATTIS,

J. T. ALDERMAN,

FRANCIS D. WINSTON.

Bro. Job Taylor presented the following report on Masonic Education Committee, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee an Masonic Education met on January 20th, 1925, and recommended to the Grand Master the appointment of Dr. W. C. Wicker, as Field Secretary for 1925. The Grand Master thereon made the appointment.

A full discussion of the educational movement as to its inception, progress and goal of attainment, was entered into.

After the original resolution of 1921 introduced by Dr. J. C. Braswell, the then Grand Master, creating the Educational Committee, the ideal goal to reach as formulated by Dr. Job Taylor as then adopted, is as follows:

1. Knowledge and interpretation to make clear the principles and teachings of Masonry so that the individual will recognize his spiritual status and stage in the evolutionary scale of soul culture.

2. By personal effort, the application of those principles of life. These are the unselfish things by way of effort, service and sacrifices, which will change an initiates viewpoint from himself to humanity, and through the efforts to help others there will emerge his higher self as exemplifying the Christ-like principles in his soul.

3. The next stage is the approximation of the meaning of the Lost Word. It is the dawning consciousness of the presence of the Infinite in his own soul, brought about by the habitual practice of those esoteric truths contained in the three degrees of the Ritual.

This is the objective to which we are striving and marked progress has been accomplished during the year.

The work for the Field Secretary was laid out for the year, 1925.

Your Committee had another meeting on May 13th in Gastonia. The progress of the work and further plans were discussed.

Another meeting was held January 19th, 1926, in Raleigh, and the results of the year were gone over. One marked advance in the desire for the unfolding of the deeper spiritual meaning concealed within the Ritual was a resolution presented to the Committee from Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118, Asheville, N. C., the largest lodge in the State, which read as follows:

"Be it resolved, that Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118, A. F. & A. M., which has been working in its educational endeavors on the academic explanation of the Ritual, now takes the next step for more light, definitely commits itself to the support of a deeper interpretation of the Ritual and Symbols of Masonry, and will lend its active sympathy to the development of those methods and practices which will best unfold within the bodily temple the eternal spiritual principles concealed within the degrees."

The report of the activities of the Field Secretary, including the expenses for the year, were gone over. This was heartily approved and Brother Wicker was congratulated upon his efficient work.

The work of the Committee is becoming more extensive and in order to meet the growing demands, we respectfully ask for an appropriation of \$7500.00 for 1926, this to be in addition to the small unexpended balance not used from last year's appropriation.

Throughout the year the Committee was in touch with the Field Work and individuals conferred frequently about the progress of the same.

We submit below the same recommendations of last year with some additions:

1. Continue the growth of knowledge and interpretation of the principles of Masonry, using the Masonic Service Association literature, with other sources.

2. Emphasize the hidden truths of Masonry not stressed in the Masonic Service Association literature.

3. Endeavor to interest individuals, enlightening Masonry, and if possible help small groups in deeper study of the origin and development of the spiritual light and soul enlightenment, concealed by the symbols of the three degrees.

4. Each lodge and each individual should endeavor to carry out some practical example of self-sacrifice towards the uplift of Humanity, with no hope of return.

Respectfully submitted,
Committee on Masonic Education,

J. C. BRASWELL,
Chairman,

DR. JOB. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

Bro. George P. Burgwyn submitted the following report of Committee on Proposition and Grievances which on motion was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances respectfully report that we have considered the papers referred to us and do report as follows:

In re James Lee Gilliland, Grassy Branch Lodge, No. 559, Terrell, North Carolina. Your Committee has considered this application for restoration and through the courtesy and efficiency of the young ladies in the Grand Secretary's office we were able to substantiate the facts set forth in this application and find that he was suspended for failure to answer a summons, which summons the petitioner says he did not receive. Now, therefore, in view of this fact, and the further fact that this lodge is now defunct we recommend his restoration contingent upon his paying to the Grand Secretary any dues that were owed by him at the time of his suspension.

In re R. B. Johnson, Luke McGlaughan Lodge, No. 504, Winton, North Carolina. Your Committee has considered this appli-

cation for restoration and find that the petitioner was expelled for unmasonic conduct as stated. We also find that he has made amends and apologies to the said lodge but there is no evidence of his applying there for restoration. We do further find, that as this Grand Lodge was not the source of original jurisdiction, we recommend that he apply to Luke McGlaughan Lodge, No. 504, for restoration and your Committee feels sure with the recommendation of the officers of the said lodge as shown on his petition, he will be restored.

GEO. P. BURGWIN,

B. E. STANFIELD,

C. P. TYSON,

Committee.

Bro. A. J. Harris presented the following report of the Masonic Temple Committee which was read:

To The Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. and A. M., Raleigh, N. C.:

The Masonic Temple Committee herewith submits its annual report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1925.

During the year office space in the Temple has been generally fully occupied at all times.

The proceeds from the building for the year, as shown by the audit of Chas. N. Goodno, certified public accountant, herewith attached and made a part of this report.

During the year we made repairs on the elevators and building to extent of \$8226.29.

Fraternally submitted,

ANDREW J. HARRIS,

For Masonic Temple Committee.

GOODNO, STEELE & GODDARD
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

RALEIGH, N. C., January 11, 1926

To the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. and A. M., Raleigh, North Carolina:

GENTLEMEN:

As requested, I have made the annual audit of the accounts of the Masonic Temple Construction and herewith present statements showing the condition at the close of the fiscal year and the transactions for the period.

These statements follow the form of those for past years: nothing out of the ordinary appears in the accounts for the year under review unless it be the rather heavy expenditure for repairs; in this connection it may not be amiss to call attention

again to the fact that no provision for depreciation has been taken into the accounts, all repairs being charged against the year in which the work is done.

Respectfully,

CHAS. N. GOODNO.

MASONIC TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION CO.
Raleigh, North Carolina

BALANCE SHEET
September 30, 1925

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$ 3,237.31
Liberty Bonds	1,000.00
Real Estate and Building	\$174,873.05
	<u>\$179,110.36</u>

LIABILITIES

Second Mortgage Bonds	\$ 30,000.00
Notes Payable	52,000.00
Accrued Interest	557.00
Accounts Payable (coal)	510.69
	<u>\$ 83,067.69</u>
Surplus	\$ 96,042.67

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
Year Ended September 30, 1925

INCOME

Rents	\$ 24,631.60
Sales of Junk	68.90
Interest	215.69
	<u>\$ 24,916.19</u>

EXPENDITURE

Salaries (Secretary)	\$ 600.00
Salaries (Supt. & Asst. Supt.)	1,566.67
Wages	4,575.79
Power and Light	1,891.49
Fuel	482.56
Water	277.04
Office Supplies and Expense	243.41
Building Supplies and Expense	762.06
Repairs	5,539.06
Insurance	1,749.92
Interest on Notes	\$3,045.00
Interest on Bond Coupons	1,490.00
Custodian's Fee	100.00
	<u>22,313.00</u>
Profit for Year	\$ 2,603.19

CASH ACCOUNT

Year Ended September 30, 1925

Balance, October 1, 1924	\$ 5,163.43
--------------------------	-------------

RECEIPTS

Rent -----	\$ 24,631.60	
Fuel -----	28.13	
Sales of Junk, etc. -----	68.90	
Wages Refunded -----	10.00	
Interest -----	215.69	
Forfeit—Elevator Contract -----	100.00	
		25,054.32
		<u>\$ 30,217.75</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Wages -----	\$ 4,575.79	
Salaries -----	2,166.67	
Power and Light -----	1,891.49	
Water -----	277.04	
Office Supplies and Expense -----	243.41	
Building Supplies and Expense -----	762.06	
Elevator Repairs -----	45.77	
Building Repairs -----	5,493.29	
Interest -----	2,733.00	
Coupons -----	1,442.00	
Insurance -----	1,749.92	
Bonds Retired -----	100.00	
Interest on \$30,000.00 -----	5,400.00	
Fee, Raleigh Savings Bank & Trust Co. -----	100.00	
		26,980.44

Balance, September 30, 1925 ----- \$ 3,237.31

BANK RECONCILIATION

Raleigh Svgs. Bank & Trust Co. -----	\$ 2,823.61	
Checks out: 3146 -----	\$100.00	
3149 -----	25.00	125.00
		2,698.61
Wachovia Bank & Trust Company -----		538.70
		<u>\$ 3,237.31</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATING COSTS

Year Ended September 30, 1925

	Stores	Offices	Lodges
Fuel -----	\$ 134.91	\$ 289.81	\$ 85.97
Light -----		1,033.51	157.76
Elevator Power -----		623.20	77.02
Water -----	110.82	110.82	55.40
Repairs to Building -----	2,197.32	2,197.32	1,098.65
Elevator Repairs -----		40.74	5.03
Wages—Elevator -----		670.77	82.90
Fireman -----	252.81	543.10	161.09
Janitors -----		2,489.50	375.62
Salary of Superintendent -----	541.67	1,083.33	541.67
Superintendent's Incidentals -----		662.15	99.91
Office Expense -----	97.36	97.37	48.68
Insurance -----	437.48	874.96	437.48
Total -----	<u>\$ 3,772.37</u>	<u>\$10,716.58</u>	<u>\$ 3,227.18</u>

MASONIC TEMPLE CONSTRUCTION CO.

Raleigh, North Carolina

RENT ACCOUNTS

Year Ended September 30, 1925

	Balance 10-1-24	Rent For Year	Total Charges	Payments	Balance 9-30-25
A. A. Aronson	\$ 30.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 410.00	\$ 410.00	\$
Bing and Boushall		177.50	177.50	177.50	
Sherwood Brantley	82.00	424.00	506.00	458.00	48.00
Dr. E. H. Broughton	46.00	552.00	598.00	460.00	138.00
Dr. J. Henri Brown		648.00	648.00	648.00	
J. H. Brown		900.00	900.00	825.00	75.00
Dr. F. D. Castlebury	249.60	540.00	789.60	699.60	90.00
Dr. J. R. Crozier	46.00	118.50	164.50	164.50	
Diagnostic Clinic	327.00	4,211.00	4,538.00	4,102.00	436.00
Executive Officer, CA—OR	14.00	354.00	350.00	322.00	28.00
Dr. O. E. Finch		205.00	205.00	123.00	82.00
T. H. Hagen		612.00	612.00	612.00	
Horton's Studio	123.50	1,482.00	1,605.50	1,482.00	123.50
C. T. McClenaghan	246.00	492.00	738.00	738.00	
A. M. McCuiston		144.00	144.00	144.00	
N. C. Agricultural Credit Copr.		70.00	70.00	70.00	
T. J. O'Brien, Jr., and Company	35.00	70.00	105.00	105.00	
William C. Olsen		110.00	110.00	110.00	
Misses Reese and Company		1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	
John C. Root		30.00	30.00	30.00	
Frank B. Simpson		12.00	12.00	12.00	
Southern Railway Company		864.00	864.00	864.00	
Dr. T. T. Spence	110.00	1,320.00	1,430.00	990.00	440.00

U. S. Weather Bureau	345.00	1,380.00	1,725.00	1,380.00	345.00
J. M. Workman		60.00	60.00	60.00	
	\$ 1,654.10	\$ 16,238.00	\$ 17,892.10	\$ 16,086.60	\$ 1,805.50
Grand Lodge	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1,050.00	\$
Hiram Lodge				300.00	
Raleigh Chapter				300.00	
Raleigh Lodge				249.00	
Scottish Rite Bodies				451.00	
William G. Hill Lodge				521.00	
	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2,871.00	\$
J. C. Brantley	\$	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$
Raleigh Savings Bank		1,410.00	1,410.00	1,410.00	
Mrs. Frank Redford		1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	
	\$	\$ 5,610.00	\$ 5,610.00	\$ 5,610.00	\$

Bro. J. J. Phoenix submitted the following report of The Masonic and Eastern Star Home which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

RALEIGH, N. C., January 19, 1926.

To Most Worthy Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of N. C., A. F. & A. M.:

I submit to this Grand Body annual report of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina. This record covers the period January 1, 1925, to December 31, 1925.

This Institution, while called the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, is in reality a Masonic Home when considered and analyzed from the angle of service. The Home was organized and opened fourteen years ago and up to date applications have been received from one hundred and thirty-seven men and women bearing the credentials and endorsement of a Masonic lodge of North Carolina and only one by application of an Eastern Star chapter. But while the Eastern Stars have not sought admission for any of their members, still they have proven loyal financial supporters of the Home and in every way demonstrated a spirit of active co-operation that reflects great credit upon the Order of Eastern Star. During 1925 the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and every subordinate chapter have made contributions. During this same period only nineteen per cent of the subordinate, A. F. & A. M., lodges have made contributions.

PER CAPITA COST

Our family consists of fifty-three guests and a working staff of twelve members. The per capita cost of maintenance for the year 1925 was \$427 per guest. We find upon investigation the following cost per capita in other states as compared with North Carolina:

North Carolina-----	\$427.00 Per Capita
Pennsylvania -----	585.00 Per Capita
Missouri -----	552.00 Per Capita

We attribute our favorable cost of maintenance to the careful management of Brother Butler and Brother Clymer and the matron, Mrs. Houtchins. A spirit of harmonious co-operation prevails and all work for the interest of the old folks and the Masonic and Eastern Star fraternities.

HEALTH

When the ages of our guests are considered we are able to report reasonably small amount of sickness. During the year death has claimed the following:

Mrs. Mary Johnson, age 77 years; Mrs. Mary Fowler, age 88 years; Captain M. B. Smith, age 94 years; Mrs. Nancy I. Ashworth, age 70 years; Mrs. Mollie Slade, age 71 years.

During the year six were confined to their rooms practically all the time and ministered to by special nurses.

NEW BUILDINGS

During the year we have increased the barn capacity by the addition of a wing to care for seven more milk cows and fifty per cent more feed, at a cost of \$1,100. We have built a new hennerly and now have modern equipment for our chickens.

COLD STORAGE PLANT

One of the most valuable additions to our plant in recent years is the modern cold storage plant presented by Oasis Temple Shrine of North Carolina. The cost was \$2,500 and we have facilities to properly care for perishable products for the full capacity of our institution. Every guest joins with me in thanking the Shrine for this gift.

All these improvements have been completed under the management of Bro. L. M. Clymer, Superintendent of Grounds, and the low cost must be attributed to his careful management and personal attention to details.

Brother Clymer has also laid out and put under a substantial iron fence a private cemetery upon our estate and removed from Green Hill Cemetery all bodies laid to rest during the past thirteen years, to the Home burial ground. I hope suitable monument will be erected in 1926 and also markers for each grave. The following bodies are now in our cemetery:

Mrs. Sarah V. Turner, Capt. James R. Hobbs, Dr. John W. Thomas, Mrs. Eliza Stone, Mr. M. T. Riddick, Mr. Frank M. Stone, Mrs. Fannie B. Barnett, Miss Lillie Davis, Mrs. Angeline Rogers, Capt. M. B. Smith, Mr. H. E. W. Jones.

SUDAN TEMPLE A. A. N. M. SHRINE

I have just been notified that Sudan Shrine at their recent meeting, held at New Bern, N. C., January 7, 1926, made a donation of \$300 to our Home. We record our grateful thanks for this remembrance.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR 1926

Should the necessary funds be available in 1926 we contemplate the following improvements:

1. Weatherstrip all buildings.
2. Continue landscape work on the Winston Highway frontage.
3. Replace worn out wooden porch with cement.
4. Build a separate unit to be used as a hospital, or equip some rooms in the present plant to be used as a hospital ward. We have so many feeble guests they should be better provided for. This need is very urgent. We estimate the cost of a new unit would be at least \$100,000. Our budget provides only \$5,000 for 1926 improvements. So this hospital idea will either have to lay over until 1927 or be provided for by some special arrangement as to finances. But one fact must be recognized—we can not operate to the best advantage without a hospital properly equipped. We suggest to this Grand Body to add to the appropriation a special sum of \$5,000 to be the initial movement to this Hospital Building Fund.

APPRECIATION TO THE GRAND MASTER

Every old guest in our Home joins with the management in a message of thanks and appreciation to our Grand Master, Most Worthy Bro. Leon Cash.

Throughout the years since we opened this Home, Brother Cash has shown a personal interest in the work. He has manifested this interest by personal visits and co-operation in all undertakings for the advancement of our service to the unfortunate members of Masonry. In the year he has served as Grand Master he has given many evidences of his personal interest. By personal visits and correspondence, Brother Cash has convinced all of his fidelity to this Masonic labor.

We all wish for him many more years of opportunity to demonstrate the practical teachings of Masonic Brotherhood and Charity.

After providing for our current expenses we have in our permanent funds the sum of \$25,000 net and this money may be supplemented each year by appropriations from the Grand Lodge and other sources until the fund is sufficient to finance the hospital unit. The Board of Directors at the annual meeting on Saturday, January 9, 1926, authorized me to present this matter to the Grand Lodge for consideration at the present meeting.

DOCTOR WELLONS

Our oldest guest is Dr. J. W. Wellons. This grand old gentleman was one hundred years old on January 1, 1926. He celebrated his birthday by delivering an able sermon.

We have carefully investigated the Masonic history of this remarkable brother and find he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Graham, North Carolina, in 1855, and the following year was exalted to the august degree of a Royal Arch Mason. He has, therefore, been a Mason seventy-one years and so far as we now know he is the oldest living Mason in North Carolina, measured by both age and years as a member of our great order.

It is our intention to have his photograph made during 1926 and copies will be sent to any Masonic body or Order of the Eastern Star chapter, on request.

REAL ESTATE

We have accepted title to a farm of sixty-three acres near Friendship, Guilford county, North Carolina, from Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Idol, who are now guests of the Home. The appraisal value of this property is \$5,000, subject to mortgage of \$1,600. This is valuable property and should be held indefinitely.

We have also accepted title to a small farm in Sampson county and another in Granville county.

YORK RITE LITERATURE

At the request of Dr. Merl J. Carson, Past Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of North Carolina, we made a survey of the literature desires of each guest. The result was each person in the Home will receive during 1926 a religious

paper and a secular paper of his or her personal selection. This will cost about \$150 and the proposition is financed in full by the York Rite Grand Bodies of North Carolina. We extend to them an official vote of thanks for this thoughtful and substantial gift.

BUDGET FOR 1926

I submit annual budget for 1926:

OPERATIONS

Office expense -----	\$ 1,600.00
Home food -----	5,500.00
Home labor -----	6,000.00
Farm expense and labor -----	5,500.00
Auto expense -----	250.00
Burial expense -----	600.00
Clothing -----	1,000.00
Electric light and power -----	750.00
Fuel -----	1,250.00
Laundry -----	850.00
Medical -----	1,000.00
Repairs and Upkeep -----	1,500.00
Telephone -----	75.00
Live stock -----	625.00
Improvement -----	5,000.00
Contingent -----	2,750.00
	<hr/>
	\$34,250.00

GRAND LODGE APPROPRIATION

We request this Grand Body make the following appropriations:

For maintenance -----	\$ 17,500.00
For improvements -----	2,500.00
Special for Hospital Building Fund -----	5,000.00
	<hr/>
	\$25,000.00

STATISTICS OF THE HOME

(From opening in 1911 to December 31, 1925)

Total applications received -----	138
Applications rejected after investigation -----	11
Applications withdrawn after acceptance -----	16
	<hr/>
Guests accepted and received -----	111
Disposition.	
Returned voluntarily to original home -----	17
Died while guest of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home -----	41
In the Masonic and Eastern Star Home December 31, 1925 -----	53
	<hr/>
	111

OFFICE AND ANNUAL AUDIT

During the year we have installed double entry system of Bookkeeping. A complete audit has been made by the Smith Auditing Company of Greensboro, N. C., and their certified report is herewith submitted.

CONCLUSION

In bringing this report to a close, I desire to place on record our grateful thanks for the loyalty displayed by this Grand Body and the subordinate lodges of North Carolina.

Our circle of friends is widening each year and I hope will finally result in every Masonic lodge in North Carolina participating in our work for old Masons. I recognize that each lodge does participate through the Grand Lodge annual appropriation, but in addition to this donation of the Grand Lodge every subordinate lodge would grow and prosper more if it were active financial supporters. This work is so humane and is real service to our brethren and their dependent ones. We have carefully checked over the list of returns to the Grand Secretary from subordinate lodges of North Carolina and we find that every lodge that has made liberal donations to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home and to Oxford Orphanage have prospered and show substantial growth. On the other hand, lodges that do not engage in service are dormant and make no progress. This is a generally accepted theory of fraternal work. "He prospers most who serves most." Engage in the various activities offered you by our Masonic organization and you will be surprised at the change from a quiet lodge to an active, progressive and growing lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. PHOENIX, *Secy.-Treasurer.*

Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

December 31, 1925.

MR JOHN J. PHOENIX,
Secretary, Masonic and Eastern Star Home,
Greensboro, N. C.

DEAR SIR:

As requested by you, I have prepared from the books and records of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, Greensboro, North Carolina, covering a period of examination of twelve (12) months, and ended with the close of business December 31, 1925, and respectfully submit the following:

Exhibit "A" General Balance Sheet.

Exhibit "B" Receipts and Disbursements 12 Months.

Exhibit "C" Statement of Comparison, Balance Sheets.

Schedule 1. Bank Reconciliation.

COMMENTS

The scope of our examination covers the verification and clerical accuracy of the books, supported by approved vouchers and checks which were found to be correct and to conform with regular course of book-keeping. We found there had been a great improvement in the book-keeping for the last five months period, for which we give Mr. Phoenix the credit.

Exhibit "A" Presents statement of general Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1925, showing Assets in the amount of \$141-937.07; Liabilities, which consist of accounts payable for Decem-

per, in the amount of \$2,300.00, leaving a Net Worth of \$139,637.97.

Exhibit "B" presents a statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the twelve months period ended December 31 1925, of which we have not included Current Bills for December as an expense, as the books were closed on December 31, 1925, and these bills were not at the disposal of the Auditor at this date. Mr. Phoenix estimates that the unpaid invoices for December, maximum amount, would not exceed over \$2,300.00.

Exhibit "C" presents statement of Comparative Balance Sheets, of which the Current Liabilities amount to \$2,300.00, and the Current Assets, being balanced in the American Exchange National Bank, subject to checking account, of \$1,171.75, leaving a difference of Current Liabilities in excess of Current Assets in the amount of \$1,128.25.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

There is deposit in the three banks, savings accounts, as presented by Exhibit "C", of \$37,316.25, used as Endowment Account. These amounts were verified with the banks and found to be correct, as of the above mentioned date.

PERMANENT

The Permanent Assets, as per Exhibit "C", amount to \$103,449.87. These amounts were taken at the appraised value and accepted as being correct, without any further verification, but, in the Auditor's opinion, is a very conservative appraisal.

Thanking you for the many courtesies extended to me during the period of examination,

Respectfully submitted

SMITH AUDITING COMPANY,

By ROY L. SMITH.

Exhibit "A"

MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME

Greensboro, North Carolina

Statement of

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1925

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Balances:

American Exchange National Bank (Schedule 1) -----	\$ 1,171.75
---	-------------

Endowment Fund:

South Greensboro Branch -----	\$ 16.35
American Exchange National Bank---	20,000.00
Greensboro Bank and Trust Co.-----	17,200.00
	37,216.35

Securities:

One Share Winston-Salem Building and Loan Stock (Par Value)-----	100.00
---	--------

Inventory:		
Food Supplies -----	600.00	
Feed for Stock -----	300.00	
Household Linen -----	200.00	
Silverware -----	150.00	
Crockery -----	250.00	
		<u>1,500.00</u>
Live stock:		
Mule -----	75.00	
Milk Cows -----	500.00	
Chickens -----	75.00	
Hogs -----	200.00	
		<u>850.00</u>
Permanent:		
Real Estate—Appraised Value:		
One Farm Granville County-----	1,500.00	
One Farm Guilford College -----	5,000.00	
One Lot Winston-Salem -----	1,299.87	
Building Site 25 Acres -----	25,000.00	
		<u>32,799.87</u>
Buildings—Appraised Values:		
Main Building, Shrine Wing, Eastern		
Star Wing, Power House, Barn,		
Hennery and Hog Barn-----	60,000.00	
Farm Machinery -----	500.00	
Automobile -----	300.00	
Furniture and Fixtures -----	7,500.00	
		<u>68,300.00</u>
Total Assets -----		<u>\$141,937.97</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable:	
For December, not itemized -----	\$ 2,300.00

NET WORTH

Balance to Surplus Account -----	<u>\$139,637.97</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Worth---	<u>\$141,937.97</u>

Exhibit "B"

MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME
Greensboro, North Carolina
Statement of

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Twelve Months Ended December 31, 1925

RECEIPTS

A. F. and A. M.-----	\$ 38,703.33
O. E. S.-----	8,744.20
Guests' Income-----	3,633.85
Transit Meals-----	34.30
Interest From Savings Account-----	641.70

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA

137

Sale Farm Products.....	36.70
Oasis Shrine.....	1,000.00
Rebate on Insurance.....	95.79
Sale of Junk.....	24.46
Miscellaneous	39.17
Meals	14.10
York Rite Literary Fund.....	29.20
Total Receipts	\$ 52,996.80
Bank Balance January 1, 1925.....	8,455.46
Total	\$ 61,452.26

DISBURSEMENTS

Light and Power.....	\$ 621.27
Labor Home.....	5,299.48
Labor Farm.....	1,352.50
Food Home.....	4,095.20
Farm Expense.....	3,831.86
Medical	913.89
Repairs	359.74
Telephone	62.38
Traveling Expense.....	53.83
Laundry	654.60
Fuel	735.52
Auto Expense.....	97.22
Cold Storage.....	2,014.01
Dry Goods Clothes.....	587.39
Advertising	63.67
Burial Expense.....	338.62
Building	1,179.66
Cemetery	152.55
Live Stock Farm.....	25.00
Furniture and Fixtures Home.....	86.21
Furniture and Fixtures Office.....	19.53
Idol Farm.....	154.33
Miscellaneous Expense.....	3.75
Office Expense.....	344.25
Postage	3.75
Transportation of Guests.....	8.95
Visits and Supervision.....	5.00
	\$ 23,064.16
Bank Balance December 31, 1925.....	38,388.10
Total	\$ 61,452.26

Exhibit "C"

MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME

Greensboro, North Carolina

Statement of

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1925

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Bank Balance.....	\$ 1,171.75
Current Liabilities in Excess of Current Assets	1,128.25
Total	<u>2,300.00</u>

Endowment Fund:

South Greensboro Branch.....	\$ 16.35
American Exchange National Bank.....	20,000.00
Greensboro Bank and Trust Co.....	17,200.00
One Share Building and Loan Stock.....	100.00
Total	<u>\$ 37,316.35</u>

Permanent:

Food Supplies.....	600.00	
Feed for Stock.....	300.00	
Household Linen.....	200.00	
Silverware	150.00	
Crockery	250.00	
Total Supplies.....		1,500.00
Mule	75.00	
Milk Cows.....	500.00	
Chickens	75.00	
Hogs	200.00	
Total Live Stock.....		850.00
One Farm Granville County.....	1,500.00	
One Farm Guilford County.....	5,000.00	
One Lot Winston-Salem.....	1,299.87	
Building Site 25 Acres.....	25,000.00	
Total Real Estate.....		32,799.87
Main Buildings.....	60,000.00	
Hennery, Hog Barn.....	500.00	
Farming Machinery.....	300.00	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	7,500.00	
		<u>68,300.00</u>

Total Permanent Assets.....	<u>\$103,449.87</u>
-----------------------------	---------------------

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable for December.....	\$ 2,300.00
Total	<u>\$ 2,300.00</u>

To Endowment Surplus Account.....	37,316.35
Total	37,316.35
To Surplus Account of Permanent Assets	103,449.87
Total "Schedule 1"	\$103,449.87

MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME

Greensboro, North Carolina

Statement of

BANK RECONCILIATION

December 31, 1925

American Exchange National Bank,
Greensboro, N. C., Bank Statement

Balance December 28, 1925.....	\$ 1,179.75
Less: Checks Outstanding	
Check No. 2376.....	\$ 7.00
Check No. 2378.....	1.00
	8.00
Balance Per Books.....	\$ 1,171.75

Associate Grand Chaplain, Rev. W. E. Poovey, offered the following invocation to Deity:

Oh, Eternal God, Architect of the Universe, Creator of all mankind, giver of all spiritual gifts, author of everlasting life. Thy presence we beseech Thee abide upon this company of brethren as they shall go their several ways in the performance of their great duties. Grant, our Father, that we may have such high brotherhood and fellowship, that we may have such of that human interest and human touch as will help each one of us as we join together in our common task; that we may have also such a touch of the divine that we will be uplifted and elevated in our lives, in our incentives, and our aspirations, so that in our meeting here together, one with another, that consciousness of divine fellowship may help us towards that House not made with hands Eternal in the Heavens.—Amen.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 p. m. this evening.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION

RALEIGH, N. C., January 20, 1926.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor by M. W. Grand Master Leon Cash, presiding.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. F. McCuiston, Grand Chaplain, as follows:

Almighty God, our Father in Heaven, we thank Thee for the good fellowship that exists in this Order. We thank Thee for the splendid reports to which we have listened, showing such a deep interest in these great affairs that concern the lives of men and we pray Thee for each individual in this presence; may each life be a bright and shining light in the lodge to which each one belongs. Grant that the spirit prevailing here may go along with us in our daily work and may we be found in favor in all that Thou hast for us to do and, grant, Oh God, that we may be true to Thee and being true to Thee we will be true to our fellowman. In the name of Christ.—Amen.

The Grand Master recognized Past Grand Master R. J. Noble who introduced Brother Gable, nine-two years of age, Secretary of Franklin Lodge, who was made a Mason in 1864. The Grand Master extended a hearty welcome to Brother Gable, making a statement that Brother Gable had been a Mason two years before the Grand Master was born.

The minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

The following telegrams were read by the Grand Secretary:

WHITAKERS, N. C., January 20, 1926.

W. W. Willson, *Grand Secretary, Masonic Temple, Raleigh, N. C.:*

Sickness in family of the Representative of David Bell Lodge will prevent attendance at meeting of Grand Lodge.

J. E. CUTCHIN, *Master.*

NASHVILLE, TENN.

A. B. Andrews, *Raleigh, N. C.:*

In hospital since January First for operation and this explains failure to acknowledge letter as North Carolina Representative. Please present my felicitations to Grand Lodge.

CHARLES BARHAM.

GREENVILLE, N. C.

W. W. Willson, Grand Secretary of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C.:

Fraternal Greetings. Sincerely regret college duties prevent attendance at Grand Lodge.

H. E. AUSTIN,
D.D.G.M. Fifth District.

The Grand Secretary announced that the following telegrams and a letter to Bro. B. R. Lacy had been sent in response to order of the Grand Lodge:

RALEIGH, N. C., January 20, 1926.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bergman, Grand Matron, Shelby, N. C.:

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina returns greetings to six thousand Eastern Stars of this Commonwealth. Wishes them continued joy, peace, happiness and prosperity. I love personally each one of the six thousand Eastern Stars.

LEON CASH, *Grand Master.*

W. W. WILLSON, *Grand Secretary.*

RALEIGH, N. C., January 20, 1926.

Hon. Robert Bingham, Past Grand Master, Asheville, N. C.:

Grand Lodge of North Carolina in annual communication assembled sends greetings. Regrets your inability to attend. Accept love and best wishes from all.

W. W. WILLSON, *Grand Secretary.*

W. W. WILLSON, *Grand Secretary.*

RALEIGH, N. C., January 20, 1926.

Hon. W. B. McKoy, Past Grand Master, Wilmington, N. C.:

Grand Lodge in annual communication assembled deeply regrets your absence. Prays for your speedy and complete recovery to health.

W. W. WILLSON, *Grand Secretary.*

W. W. WILLSON, *Grand Secretary.*

RALEIGH, N. C., January 20, 1926.

Hon. Geo. S. Norfleet, Past Grand Master, Winston-Salem, N. C.:

Grand Lodge in annual communication assembled deeply regrets your absence. Prays for your speedy and complete recovery to health.

W. W. WILLSON, *Grand Secretary.*

RALEIGH, N. C., January 20, 1926.

Hon. Claude Leonard Pridgen, Past Grand Master, Waldo, Fla.:

Grand Lodge in annual communication assembled sends greetings. Regrets your inability to be present. Prays for your speedy and complete restoration to health.

W. W. WILLSON, *Grand Secretary.*

RALEIGH, N. C., January 20, 1926.

Hon. B. R. Lacy, Grand Treasurer, Raleigh, N. C.:

DEAR BROTHER LACY:

The Grand Lodge unanimously directed me to express to you their regrets at your inability to be present and their hopes and prayers are for your speedy recovery.

Fraternally,

W. W. WILLSON, *Grand Secretary.*

Past Grand Master Winston, Chairman of Committee on Necrology, submitted the following report:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER:

You have signally honored me in your appointment, as sole committeeman, to voice the sorrow of the Grand Lodge and of this Grand Jurisdiction at the passing of notables of Sister Jurisdictions, and at the passing of our own loved brethren, of every rank and degree.

Most Worshipful Sir, your valuable report of a year ago, eloquent, sympathetic, able and scholarly, will long stand as a perfect Ashler in the temple of love and sympathy and tenderness. Before entering upon the special duty of this hour, you will permit me, I know, to say a word of felicitation of our most venerable and much loved brother, the Rev. James W. Wellons, who has been a Master Mason near three-quarters of a century. On January 1st, at Elon College, he celebrated his one hundredth anniversary, when he received an outpouring of love, affection, respect and honor from hosts of friends, far and near. On that occasion he was delivering his valedictory sermon in which he announced his retirement from the Christian Ministry. His useful life has been marked by simple, child-like, yet strong, firm and fixed faith in the Master; in the Master's works and in the Master's created worlds. He has spent a life in going about doing good. He serves still as Chaplain of the Eastern Star and Masonic Home. His personal life has been beautiful; as gentle and pure as a virgin's. He is passing to the celestial light amid the love, respect and honor of our great State. We greet him with sincere and affectionate felicitations as he passes the century mark, and I extend to him, venerable and illustrious as he is, the loving congratulations of this Grand Lodge, and recommend that the Most Worshipful Grand Master convey the same to him.

Within a few weeks two of our Past Grand Masters have walked very near the "Valley of the Shadow of Death." In their patient suffering and heroic fight against the grim Monster they were cheered, comforted and sustained by the heart of North Carolina Masonry, which went to them in an abundant measure of loving sympathy. Today we rejoice at their recovery and we reverently thank the Great Architect of the Universe that he has spared, for lives of future usefulness and love, our most illustrious Past Grand Masters, Richard J. Noble and George S. Norfleet.

We are grateful too, to that "Good Providence" who brings R. W. John E. Cameron to us, well and happy and beloved.

Our first tribute shall be paid to those worthies of our Sister Jurisdictions whose names have been certified to us. The "Black Messenger" has been busy within the year, and the list of notable dead is a long one. I make it a part of this report to the end that it may be inserted in the minutes of this Grand Communication.

I have examined the official announcements that have brought these messages of the "Falling on Sleep" of these illustrious brethren. I find that all of the jurisdictions have been in the past, and are now, guided by our type of men. The list of Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers under consideration contains men in every walk of life; members of the National Congress; Governors of States; Judges, National and State; College Presidents, Professors and Teachers; Lawyers, Doctors and Preachers of National and Inter-national fame; Bankers and Business Men; Painters and Musicians; Artisans and Builders; Employers and Employed; every profession and every calling.

The well-rounded Mason is fitted for any duty in life. The citizenship of America, and in fact of the world, within and without our tiled recesses, today more than ever before, recognizes that fact, and the badge of a true Mason, the world over, has come to be the sign of a true man.

We rejoice that no member of our immediate "Official Family" has been called to the Supreme Degree in the Lodge above. Our death roll is indeed a long one, embracing many names. These names are inscribed on our records as memorials of good men and true, worthy and well-qualified for life, here and hereafter. We pay silent tribute to their worth and will ever hold them in affection.

On February 7, 1925, Reuben Weddington Lemmond, District Deputy Grand Master, of the Twenty-Sixth District, was called to his eternal rest. He was Clerk of the Superior Court of Union county. He was a native of Mecklenburg county, and was born on the 20th day of May, 1872. He was a lawyer by profession and an excellent one in practice. His wife and four daughters survive him. His religious convictions and affiliations were with the Presbyterian Church. He was honored by the electorate of his county and served in both branches of the General Assembly. He was a pleasing, forceful and eloquent speaker. He was never so busy as to refuse to do something for some body else. The citizenship of his county paid him great honor at his burial with our ancient rites, and the press of the State has spoken strongly in commendation of his virtues of head and heart. A friend, who has known him from childhood and has loved him through their

busy lives, writes of him as follows: "The death of Mister Lemmond has carried to nearly every one in the county a sense of personal loss. It is shocking and scarcely realizable that we shall see this gentle spirit among us no more. A man of infinite patience, good humor and good will, he was without guile, without malice, without even a far away suggestion of insincerity. Honorable in everything and trustworthy to the last notch, the simplicity and naturalness of his good will drew to him every one who came in contact with him. A man of universal friendships, the scriptural injunction 'To beware of him whom all men speak well,' did not apply to him. The implication of that text is that the man whom we are warned against has deliberately sought to gain the good will of all men. Mister Lemmond had the good will of all because he first entertained that good will towards all. He was just made that way. His own good will was the magnet which drew every one else's to him. His life was sweet and gentle and we are all the better for his having lived among us. Even in the mechanical and rushing time in which we live we shall miss him. His gentle soul was transparently white."

We come now, my Brethren, to refreshing our memories and deepening our love for those who have passed away in the quiet places of our great Institution. Many of them have witnessed the annual communication of the Grand Lodge and refreshed their spirits with the splendid comradeship which prevail here, and many of them have served actively upon the important committees considering the work of our body; and this hour is to be devoted by us in loving memory of them all.

Following the custom of the Eastern County, a much loved monarch was buried in a magnificent tomb. A well filled and lighted lamp was placed at the head of his bejeweled casket. The walls of his sepulcher were festooned with garlands of flowers. Beautiful and sweet scented buds were scattered on the stone floor. This done, the door of the tomb was hermetically sealed. It is related that after a burial of two centuries secrets of state demanded that the tomb be opened. Accordingly it was done. To the wonder of the officials the lamp was found burning as bright as when placed there two centuries gone; and bud and flower were as fresh, beautiful and odorous as they were when loving hands plucked them from the royal garden.

And so let it be with the memory of our departed brethren. As we open our hearts on each recurring anniversary here, may the lamp of our friendship for them be as bright, and the beautiful flowers of our love for them be as fresh and fragrant, as when in life they moved among us, grasped our hand in fraternal greeting and loved us as we loved them.

In this hour we are reminded that life's journey is "in the shadow of the valley of death." There is not a step in that pilgrimage where his presence is unknown. There is no family on whose hearthstone, his sombre shadow does not fall. There are always, somewhere, some bleeding hearts; some darkened homes, some altars draped in crepe.

The inspired writer has told us that "the heart of the wise is in the house of mourning." It is within that sanctuary our eyes turn inward; our hearts are uncovered to the inspection of con-

scoence. "In the house of mourning" we find a secluded retreat. There we make our confession to our silent monitor, conscience, as to a mediator. No man ever looked upon the dead without turning his mind inward upon himself. The world stands without its portals, without the circle of its benefactions, while the spirit within is purified and refined by self-examination, self-conviction, self-accusation, self-erection."

Today that house of mourning in our Institution is large; many bleeding hearts feel its chastening presence within and without our borders. When I look upon a dead face the advice of the Greek philosopher is ever in my mind. Said he: "Let not sleep fall upon thy eyelids till thou has revived the transactions of the past day. Where have I turned aside from recitude? What Have I been doing? What have I left undone, which I ought to have done? Begin thus from the first act and proceed. In conclusion, at the ill which thou has done be troubled, and rejoice for the good."

Today we have our special sorrow brooding in our hearts, and while mourning for our own dead, we also give peons of praise in memory of our departed brethren the world over. It is most fitting that we do so. Those who never mourn, have never loved. Deep grief is the downy pillow on which love rests its head and sinks to sleep. No man can say why tears flow when loved ones leave us on that dark journey. God made it so.

It is difficult to speak on an occasion of this character with that sober propriety, which is respectful to the dead and to ourselves. "Eulogy is often a tribute to ourselves. To love virtue is near akin to being virtuous. To comprehend great actions, is an approach to greatness." So we place our wreaths on a tomb and think them more beautiful because they are ours."

The roll of our own Masonic dead for the past year is long. It embraces every age, every calling. In the tropics we find on the same tree the green leaf, the budding flower, the green fruit, the yellow and ripened orange; so that one may gather from its branches the sweetest fragrant flower for the bridal wreath, while another plucks the ripened fruit for the feast. So with our roll of dead.

There is great difference in men; they differ as the stars, "Those lighted torches help up by the hands of angels glimmering in the night," differ one from another in glory.

Sometimes a light goes out which we do not miss. We peer into the heavens and do not observe its loss unless in the convulsive agony of its extinguishment it sweeps the sky with metoric trail. Then we behold it for a moment, wondering as it sinks into the shadows and fades away.

Other lights there are, shining in the azure fields, which if they should be extinguished, would disturb the harmony of the spheres, and startle, if not appal, mankind.

Some men "journeying now through blossoming clover fields and now over toilsome hills," come to the end and lay down the thing we call life, and the busy world goes on without a pause. That is the fate of most men; a few fleeting years of effort and then the pitiless cycles of oblivion. Other men there are, better quipped, better poised, more resolute, whose lordly spirits rise on tireless wings to greater heights, and who shine among their

fellows, as the planets; those stately sovereigns of celestial empire "shine among the vestal fires, burning chaste and pure, on the mounting steps of heaven."

Between these two poles of manhood the black torches of death are lighted on our altar, and we mourn in this hour, great and small, strong and weak, rich and poor, old and young, grave and gay, but each, let us hope, brave and good.

In his drama, "The Lady of Lyons," the poet Bulwer, makes the beautiful Pauline point to the sky, studded with stars, and in tender accents say to her lover, "tell me again sweet prince what star shall be our home, when love becomes immortal."

Let us look into those golden candles, fixed in heaven's air and try to see in them the faces of our dead. In imagination let us recall them. Of one, we can say with truth, how genial and companionable he was; how full of life, of the glad, rollicking, joy of life he sometimes seemed to be; a very boy except in years, scattering laughter and sunshine along the way, "turning to mirth all things of earth, as only boyhood can."

And of another, how gentle he was when sorrow folded her pallid wing and brooded over the homes and hearts of those he loved. In his presence sadness seemed less sad, and a softer light crept in among the shadows, for in whatever he said or did there was something so like the melting music of woman's speech and the gentle touch of woman's hand.

And of another, he loved the beautiful and the good; the tint of flower, the exquisite shading of a brush, the golden glory of an autumn sunset, the swelling symphony of the sea, the glee and merry prattle of childhood, touched his poetic soul with the magic wand of sweet enchantment.

And of another, he lived for his fellow man; he wrought good deed, he spoke kind word, he labored to uplift his kind. Oh, that we may say of all for whom, now, we mourn, that each was a pattern of manhood, a leader of thought and act for better citizenship, for the education of the child, for housing the homeless, for leading the blind, for higher standards of civic life and righteousness. Loving and loved, they have all passed from the semi-darkness of this life into the eternal Light and Glory of the life beyond.

To the past go more dead faces every year,
And the loved leave vacant places, every year;
Every where their sad eyes meet us,
In the evening's dusk they greet us,
And to come to them they entreat us, every year.

You are growing old, they tell us, every year,
You are more alone, they tell us, every year,
You can win no new affection
You have only recollection
Deeper sorrow and dejection, every year.

But the truer life draws nigher, every year,
And its morning star climbs higher, every year,
Earth's hold on us grows slighter
And its heavy burden lighter
And the dawn immortal brighter, every year.

My brethren this hour has its lessons. No man can foretell the mysterious issues of life and death. How uncertain is the future! Life today is bright; the sea is calm; the tide swells high and strong. Tomorrow the tide turns and business troubles, sickness or death, rob us of hope and possession. From the calm and beautiful harbor, whence we floated with confidence at morn, we are rudely tossed upon the wide ocean at noon. The horizon stretches far beyond our vision and the heave of its restless waves comes from depths that are unfathomable. Vainly struggling, we either sink to the tranquil depths where all is peace, or tempest torn and faint, are cast upon the shore.

What is life: A brief delight,
A sun scarce brightening ere it sinks in night;
A flower at morning fresh, at noon decayed,
A still, swift, river gliding into shade.

"The man who would know life's true meaning, must live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on a dial; count time in heart beats. He lives most who thinks most, feels noblest, acts best."

Go, labor on while it is day,
The world's dark night is hastening on,
Speed, speed thy work, cast sloth away,
It is not thus that souls are won.

Toil on, feint not, keep watch and pray
Be wise the erring soul to win,
Go forth into the world's highway
Compel the wanderer to come.

Toil on and in thy toil rejoice
For toil comes rest, for exile home,
Soon shall thou hear the Bride-Groom's voice
The mid-night peal, "Behold I come."

There is an existence beyond the present life, when all shall be made clear. We shall see, as we are seen. We shall know, as we are known.

Charles Dickens in his wonderful novel—Barnaby Rudge—makes the idiotic Barnaby and the strong coarse Hugh, the hostler of the Maypole Inn, hold conversation about the visible wonders of the heavens. While in the hay loft gazing upward they peer through the cracks in the roof and ask each other "whence comes the light of the innumerable stars that dot the sky." For taking active part in the Lord George Gordon riots in London, they were tried for murder and convicted. They were sentenced to death. Just before the dawn they were led across the prison yard to the place of execution. Suddenly Barnaby, the simpleton, stops and grasps the arm of his brother in misfortune, and looking towards the myriad lights of the night, exclaimed, "Hugh, we shall soon know what makes the stars shine."

Our faith here today ought to exceed that of the poor simpleton, created by the imagination of the novelist.

Not only shall we know what makes the stars shine, but all

the wonders of the vast universe shall be open to our search. Our home shall be among the heavens. The problems that have vexed our burdened souls, shall be happily solved.

To this felicity let us hope that the friends we mourn today have already fully advanced. We would not, if we could, bring them back to earth, slowly and painfully to die again. Let us wait reverently and hopefully for the summons to join them in some star that is shining, from eternity to eternity, "with unfading luster in God's illimitable wilderness of worlds."

It is written in one of the beautiful and tender legends which the Talmud has preserved, that at the moment of the death of a good man, memories of his love and charity and good deeds, float through his mind to cheer and console him as his spirit soars away from the cares and conflicts, the joys and sorrows of life.

May we not hope that each of our departed brothers so lived that troops of good angels were present at his death whispering comfort and consolation for many a loving word, and pure thought and good deed.

I fear we dwell too little on death. It appears so easy to live, we do not think enough that we shall die. Death comes equally to us all and makes us all equal when it comes. The ashes of an oak tree in a chimney are no epitaph of the dead tree. They do not tell us how high or large it was in life. They do not tell us what storm swept its branches, nor what flocks it sheltered from summer suns, nor what man it crushed when it fell.

The dust of all men's graves is speechless too. It says nothing, it distinguishes nothing. A writer has said, "As soon the dust of a wretch, whom thou wouldst not, as of a prince whom thou couldst not, look upon, will trouble thine eyes if the wind blow it thither; and when a whirlwind hath blown the dust of a church yard into a church, and the sexton sweeps out the dust of the church into the church yard, who will undertake to sift those dusts again and to pronounce, this is the patrician, the noble flower; this is the yeoman of humble birth."

We need but look onto our cemeteries and see the ten thousand upturned faces—as many breathless bosoms. There was a time when fire flashed through those vacant orbs; when warm ambition, hopes, joys and the loving life, pulsed in those bosoms. Dreams of fame and power, once haunted those empty skulls. This little pile of bones, that once were feet, ran swiftly through twenty, fifty, sixty, eighty years of life, but where are the prints they left on the soft ground, much less on flinty rocks.

He lived, he died, he was buried is all the stone tells. We move among the monuments; we read the sculpturing; but no voice comes to us to say that the sleepers are remembered for any thing they did. A generation passes by; the stone turns gray; the man ceases to be; he is as dead to the world as if he had never lived. This is life. Only a few years do we journey here and we come to that bridge—death—which transports us beyond, in continuation of the road we have traveled here. If of virtue, happiness and love, to a paradise of joy; if of passion, lust and vice, to destructive wretchedness.

A proper view of death may abate many of our passions. We can see what the love of money comes to in the coffin of the

miser. This is the man who could never be satisfied with riches. Now a few boards enclose him and a few square inches contain him. We can study ambition in the tomb of that enterprising man. His great designs, his boundless expedients are all shattered and sunk into the fatal gulf of all human projects. We can study the proud man there, and see his haughty countenance dreadfully disfigured, and the tongue that spake the most lofty thoughts condemned to silence. In the tomb of the monarch, we may study quality; his great titles, his royal robes, his fauning flatterers are all no more. We may see the consequences of intemperance in the grave of the glutton; his appetite now fully satiated, his senses destroyed, his bones scattered. The tombs of the wicked condemn their practices and strongly recommend virtue.

"In the whole course of my observation," says Colton, "there is not so misrepresented and abused a person as death. Some have styled him the king of terrors, when he might with less impropriety be termed the terror of kings. Others have dreaded him as an evil without end, although it was within their own power to make him an end of all evil. He has been villified as the cause of anguish, consternation and despair, which pertain not to death, but to life." Death is the sable slave who unlaces our sandals at the close of day.

How strange a paradox is this; we love life, the disease; we loath death, the remedy. We prefer the fiercest buffeting of the hurricane, to the tranquility of the harbor.

The poet has lent his fictions; the painter his colors; the orator his figures of speech, to portray death as the grand destroyer, the enemy, the prince of phantoms and of shades. But can he be called a destroyer, who for a perishable state, gives us that which is eternal? Can he be styled the enemy, who is the best friend only of the best, who never deserts them at their utmost need and whose friendship proves the most valuable for those who live the longest? Can he be termed the prince of phantoms and of shades, who destroys that which is transient and temporary, to establish that which is alone real and fixed?

What are the mournful escutcheons, the sable trophies, the melancholy insignia with which we surround death? The sepulchral gloom, the mouldering carcass, the slimy worm? These indeed are the idle fears and empty terrors, not of the dead but of the living. Life is the jailor of the soul, in this fleshly prison, and its only deliverer is death. What we call life is a journey to death, and what we call death is a passport to life. The shortest life is long enough, if it leads to a better; and the longest life is too short if it leads to a worse. Frail man comes into the world crying. He cries on through life. He is always seeking after some denied thing which he imagines is labeled, "Happiness," or is mourning over some loss that makes him miserable; a restless mortal body, with an immortal soul, that requires something more than earth can give to satisfy its lofty desires.

Not to become familiar with death, is to endure much unnecessary fear and add to the myriad of other imaginary woes of the human life.

"Let us so live that we will look upon death as a friend at last, so that our dying day shall be our resting day; when we

shall rest from all sin and care and trouble; our reaping day, when we shall reap in joy, the fruits sown in tears and faith; our conquering day, when we shall triumph over every enemy and even death itself shall die; our transplanting day, from earth to heaven, from a howling wilderness to a heavenly paradise; our robing day, to put off the worn out rags of flesh and put on the new and glorious robes of Light."

The teachings of our Institution gently lead us to this consummation, not with sad heart and mournful countenance, but with cheeks aglow and faces joyous with hope.

Life—we've been long together
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather,
'Tis hard to part, when friends are dear,
Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear.

Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time,
Say not good-night, but in some other clime
Bid me good morning.

Brethren, the goal is worth the winning, but it can only be won with toil, in sorrow and in tears.

Heaven is not reached at a single bound
But we build the ladder by which we rise,
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,
And we mount to its summit round by round.

I count this thing to be grandly true,
That a noble deed is a step towards God,
Lifting the soul from the common clod
To a purer air and a broader view.

We rise by the things that are under our feet,
By what we have mastered of good or gain;
By the pride deposed and the passion slain,
And the vanquished ills that we hourly meet.

We hope, we aspire, we resolve, we trust,
When the morning calls us to life and light
But our hearts grow weary and ere the night
Our lives are trailing the sordid dust.

We hope, we resolve, we aspire, we pray,
And we think that we mount the air on wings
Beyond the reach of sensual things,
While our feet still cling to the heavy clay.

Wings for the angels, but feet for men,
We may borrow the wings to find the way,
We may hope and resolve and aspire and pray
But our feet must rise or we fall again.

Only in dreams is a ladder thrown
From the weary earth to the sapphire walls,
But the dreams depart and the vision falls
And the sleeper waits on his pillow of stone.

Heaven is not reached by a single bound
But we build the ladder by which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies
And we mount to its summit round by round.

When we think of those we mourn today, we cannot but hope
that there may be truth in what the poet has so beautifully said:—

There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some other shore
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forever more.

There is no death, the dust we tread
Shall change beneath the summer showers
To golden grain or mellow fruit,
Or rain bow—tinted flowers.

The granite rocks disorganize
To feed the hungry moss they bear,
The forest leaves drink daily life
From out the viewless air.

There is no death: The leaves may fall,
The flowers may fade and pass away,
They only wait, through wintry hours
The coming of the May.

There is no death: An angled form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread,
He bears our best loved things away
And then we call them dead.

He leaves our hearts all desolate
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers,
Transplanted into bliss, they now
Adorn immortal bowers.

There is no death! What seems so is transitive,
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call death.

My Brethren—

So live that when thy summons come to join,
The innumerable caravan which moves
To that mysterious realm where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams.

Brethren, who sleep, hail and farewell, but for a brief hour.
The hand of pale death beckons us to join you beyond the stars.

Bro. F. Wm. E. Cullingford, Chairman of Credential
Committee, submitted the following final report, which
was adopted:

Your Committee on Credentials find 221 lodges represented at this Grand Lodge communication by duly accredited representatives, as shown in detail on the attached list.

Two lodges—Saluda, No. 482 and Mount Pisgah, No. 623—forwarded their proxies to District Deputy and Grand Lecturer respectfully, who, in accordance with Section 7, sub section 3 of the 1924 Code, are not qualified to represent a subordinate lodge.

Twenty-one lodges, shown on attached schedule, have not paid their Grand Lodge dues, and fifty-three, as reported at the opening of the Grand Lodge, had not conformed in full to Section 99 of the 1924 Code. It is possible that a strict enforcement of this Section at subsequent meetings of the Grand Lodge, would eventually result in a material reduction in the number of such delinquent lodges.

We have listed, so far as they have reported to us, the various officers and committees of the Grand Lodge, and attach this list to our report.

Total registration, 619.

Fraternally submitted,

F. WM. E. CULLINGTON,

JAMES E. W. COOK.

January 20, 1926.

The Grand Master announced that the hour for the election of officers had arrived and appointed the following tellers: Bros. D. P. Dellinger, H. M. Brandon and J. Edward Allen.

J. H. ANDERSON: We have with us a man who has labored long in Masonry in North Carolina and who has given the best efforts of his life to the upbuilding of the craft and I believe the Grand Lodge of North Carolina will honor itself as well as him by electing him to the office of Grand Master. Therefore, that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina may have the opportunity and privilege of expressing in a substantial manner their love and esteem for this distinguished Brother, I move that the rules be suspended and that Past Grand Master W. S. Liddell, be empowered to cast the entire vote of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for John E. Cameron for Grand Master for the ensuing year.

B. S. ROYSTER: That man from the Cape Fear section has preceded me in doing what I wanted to do. I, therefore, take pleasure in seconding this nomination. I remember when the distinguished brother was on the floor, Past Grand Master Liddell moved that he be appointed himself to cast the vote of the lodge for

Brother Cameron for Senior Grand Warden. Out of my love and affection for Brother Cameron and out of my very great regard for my ancient friend, Brother Liddell, I thought he should now be privileged to finish the work which he started on his own motion four or five years ago, I, therefore, most heartily second the motion made by the Senior Grand Warden.

W. S. LIDDELL: You know, brethren, this practically ends my work, so far as officers in the Grand Lodge are concerned. I would not have rested easy in my grave had I died before Leon Cash was put in as Grand Master. Leon Cash and John Cameron have been associated with me from the time that I first started as your Grand Master. While Leon Cash was sick and away from town I wanted to nominate him for Grand Master, but I gave way to Brother Norfleet because he was from his home town. Now, brethren, to complete my work I unanimously elect my good friend and brother, John E. Cameron, by a rising vote. (Applause.)

JOHN E. CAMERON: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina: I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this high honor. I shall request every one of you to help me all you can to carry on this work of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year and promise to return to you untarnished the gavel as it is handed to me by my friend and brother, Leon Cash. (Applause.)

B. S. ROYSTER: I move that the rules be suspended and that Bro. S. M. Gattis be requested to cast the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge for John H. Anderson, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, some of them call him "Mr. Anderson," but those of us who have known him long enough know that he is plain simple John Anderson, for Deputy Grand Master.

The motion was duly seconded and carried.

S. M. GATTIS: Pursuant to your instructions I am glad to have the privilege of casting the entire vote of this Grand Lodge for Bro. John H. Anderson, Deputy Grand Master. (Applause.)

JOHN H. ANDERSON: Simple John Anderson accepts with a deep sense of satisfaction the election to Deputy Grand Master and pledges the Grand Lodge of North

Carolina his most earnest effort in behalf of the craft for the ensuing year.

H. I. CLARK: It was on the tip end of Brother Anderson's tongue to say this was an unexpected honor, but that would have been a lie and he knew it. (Laughter.) I move you, sir, that if there is any voice left in my distinguished friend, Bro. Francis D. Winston, that he be authorized to cast the entire vote of this Grand Lodge for my distinguished friend, the Junior Grand Warden for Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge. Seconded and carried.

FRANCIS D. WINSTON: Forty years ago I commenced coming to the Grand Lodge. I have had more pleasure in coming here than any man who ever came, but of all the pleasure I ever had in my life you give me tonight. It gives me real, unalloyed happiness to name Bro. R. C. Dunn, a brother of my old friend at Horner's School, as Grand Senior Warden. (Applause.)

R. C. DUNN: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren: I am deeply grateful to you for this manifestation of your continued confidence. In an effort to justify that confidence I cannot promise you a greater love for Masonry, for the human heart is just so big; I cannot promise you greater zeal, or even greater activity for Masonry, but out of an abundance of love for Masonry, I do certainly promise to you a continuance of that love, zeal and activity. I thank you. (Applause.)

B. S. ROYSTER: Most Worshipful Grand Master: Young as I am, I remember a few years ago—I will not say how many, there came into the Grand Lodge of North Carolina a splendid young Mason from the Piedmont section around the vicinity of Greensboro, and since that time his conduct and deportment in Masonic circles in North Carolina has entitled him to the respect, fondness and esteem, not only of the Masons of the State but of the citizenship generally. Like Phoenix Lake he rises above environment and re-sheaths his sword and bears his share against the enemies of righteousness and right living, which means Masonry. I, therefore, move, Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge, that the rules be suspended and that my young friend, John J. Phoenix, of Greensboro, North Carolina, be elected to the honorable and

responsible position of Junior Grand Warden and that some member of his lodge—I move that Brother Vanstory be instructed to cast the vote of This Grand Lodge for Bro. John J. Phoenix as Junior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge.

Seconded and carried. (Applause)

C. M. Vanstory not being present, the Grand Master requested the Grand Secretary, as proxy for Brother Vanstory to cast the vote.

W. W. WILLSON: It gives me exceeding pleasure to cast the entire vote of this Grand Lodge for Bro. John J. Phoenix as Junior Grand Warden for the ensuing term. (Applause)

JOHN J. PHOENIX: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge: I am very deeply moved by this demonstration. I have ever been an exponent of service, and I feel that while I have put some personal effort into Masonry and into the service of Masonry, at the same time I have derived out of it a great deal. It has been a great part of my life and the service for the orphans and for the old people brings me much joy. I thank you, brethren, and shall endeavor to merit your confidence and give to you and the Grand Lodge of North Carolina the very best effort that is possible.

W. S. LIDDELL: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Lacy, the present Grand Treasurer, and I have a great deal that would bring us together. I employed for years a large number of men and when I advocated a man for office, they all voted the other way. So, I went to them and said: "Now, you have got a locomotive engineer on the Seaboard running for State Treasurer, I am going to vote for him and you can do as you please," but they all voted for him. If I am rightly informed Ben Lacy was born on the 21st day of June 1852, which would make him seventy-four years old. I am seventy-two and I want him to round out his career, as long as he lives, as State Treasurer and as Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. I, therefore, place him in nomination and move that the nominations be closed and that he be elected by acclamation and I allow to cast the vote.

The motion was seconded and carried.

W. S. LIDDELL: I take pleasure in casting the whole vote of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for B. R.

Lacy as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year.

W. E. MOORE: I would like the privilege of casting the vote of this Grand Lodge for Grand Secretary. The person for whom I will vote, provided this Grand Lodge will give me the right, has been my friend and has been the friend of the Grand Lodge for years. He has been a laborer in the Grand Lodge for all these years and no Mason in North Carolina has ever asked for any information at his hands that has not been promptly given and I would like to have the pleasurer myself of casting the vote of this Grand Lodge for Bro. W. W. Willson as Grand Secretary.

Seconded and carried.

PAST GRAND MASTER MOORE: It gives me great pleasure, and it is one of the joys of my life, to cast the vote of this Grand Lodge unanimously for Bro. W. W. Willson, as Grand Secretary.

W. W. WILLSON: Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brothers of the Grand Lodge: I want to thank Brother Moore for the nice things he said about me and to thank the Grand Lodge for this continued confidence, as Brother Dunn said. I want to say it is not necessary for me to promise to this Grand Lodge faithful and continued service for the officers you have elected to rank above me, will see that I give it.

(Laughter and applause.)

FRANCIS D. WINSTON: It gives me great pleasure to nominate for Director of Oxford Orphanage, a brother who lives on the spot, whose heart, mind and body are with that Institution, who has served that Institution legally, spiritually, and otherwise. Nobody loves the Oxford Orphanage better than Bro. B. S. Royster. I nominate him to succeed himself.

Seconded and carried.

W. W. WILLSON: I wish to take the pleasure of placing in nomination both Bros. John J. Phoenix and W. F. Randolph, whose terms of office as Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home have expired, to succeed themselves as members of the Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

Seconded and carried.

R. C. DUNN: It gives me great pleasure to nominate to succeed himself, one whose love of Masonry and whose past record are his best recommendations for his fitness to succeed himself. I nominate Past Grand Master, Bro. J. C. Braswell as representative for one year for the Masonic Service Association.

Seconded and carried.

J. W. ELKTON: On behalf of Winston Lodge and Winston Chapter, I bring to this Grand Body greetings and, to you Most Worshipful Grand Master, I am requested to express their love, their appreciation and their thanks for your untiring efforts for the good of Masonry before and during your administration as Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction.

GRAND MASTER CASH: I want to say, speaking from my own heart that I have always known I possessed the love and affection of my local brethren. I recently sat in a meeting at home—had the home Masons been indifferent to my election as Grand Master or if some of them had wished that I had not been elected to that office, when I know that I was just selfish enough and just human enough when it was offered to me to grab it and make away with it—well, the greatest satisfaction that I had during my term of office was the satisfaction and contentment of mind in knowing that not only did the brethren of the Grand Lodge wish me to act as their Grand Master, but every Mason, so far as my knowledge went, in Winston-Salem wished the same thing. (Applause.)

B. S. ROYSTER: Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brother Elkton: I desire to say to the brethren of your Lodge in Winston-Salem, on behalf of all the Masons in North Carolina, including them, that they are gratified that this honor has come to you. You have borne it well. You have borne yourself during this trying year of administrative work in Masonry in North Carolina, not only with credit but with distinction.

"Day after day, as the swift hours fall
We are hanging pictures on memories' wall
And by and by, when life is done
We will have to review them, one by one.
And then, if the pictures are dark, sad our fate.
We cannot erase them, it is forever too late.

Our hope for Cash, as he loved to do right
All of memories pictures may be bright."

The Grand Master declared the following elected:

J. E. CAMERON_____	<i>Grand Master</i>
J. H. ANDERSON_____	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
R. C. DUNN_____	<i>Senior Grand Warden</i>
J. J. PHOENIX_____	<i>Junior Grand Warden</i>
B. R. LACY_____	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
W. W. WILLSON_____	<i>Grand Secretary</i>

Bro. B. S. Royster was elected as director of the Oxford Orphanage for a term of five years to succeed himself.

Bro. W. T. Randolph was elected director of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home for a term of three years to succeed himself.

Bro. J. J. Phoenix was elected director of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home for a term of three years to succeed himself.

Past Grand Master J. C. Braswell was elected Grand Representative to the Masonic Service Association.

Past Grand Master Poteat submitted the following report of The Masonic Loan Fund, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

Your Committee on Masonic Loan Fund beg to report as follows:

Following up the recommendation of the joint Masonic Committee adopted two years ago, which was unanimously approved by the Grand Lodge at its annual communication at that time, the "Masonic Loan Fund" as a \$10,000.00 proposition was handled by the joint as heretofore, which was made up by the Grand Lodge Committee and the Committees from the three other Masonic organizations participating in this work.

The Joint Committee of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Grand Chapter, R. A. M., Grand Commandery, K. T., and Scottish Rite, A. A. S. R., consist of the following brethren:

GRAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.

Leon Cash, Grand Master, Winston-Salem, N. C., Winston Lodge, No. 167, Chairman.

John E. Cameron, Deputy Grand Master, Kinston, N. C., Rountree Lodge, No. 243.

Hubert M. Poteat, Past Grand Master, Wake Forest, N. C., Wake Forest Lodge, No. 282.

James H. Webb, Past Grand Master, Hillsboro, N. C. Eagle Lodge, No. 71.

Robert H. Wright, Greenville, N. C., Sharon Lodge, No. 78.
 William N. Everett, Raleigh, N. C., Rockingham Lodge, No. 495.

GRAND CHAPTER, R. A. M.

James W. Payne, Past Master, Salisbury, N. C., Spencer Lodge, No. 543, Grand High Priest and Chairman.

John S. McEachern, Past Master, Wilmington, N. C., St. John's Lodge, No. 1.

J. Edward Allen, Past Master, Warrenton, N. C., Johnston-Caswell Lodge, No. 10.

John J. Phoenix, Senior Grand Deacon, Greensboro, N. C., Revolution Lodge, No. 552.

Alexander B. Andrews, Past Grand Master, Raleigh, N. C., William G. Hill Lodge, No. 218.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

James H. Taylor, Gastonia, N. C., Gastonia Lodge, No. 369, Grand Commander and Chairman.

Fred B. Crowson, Past Master, Goldsboro, N. C., Goldsboro Lodge, No. 634.

Raymond H. Boyer, Asheville, N. C., Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118.

Raymond C. Dunn, Junior Grand Warden, Enfield, N. C., Enfield Lodge, No. 447.

Herbert E. Austin, Past Master, Greenville, N. C., Sharon Lodge, No. 78.

Cornelius M. Vanstory, Past Master, Greensboro, N. C., Corinthian Lodge, No. 542.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

Thomas J. Harkins, Asheville, N. C., Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118, Sovereign Grand Inspector General and Chairman.

Charles M. Setzer, Past Master, Charlotte, N. C., Phalanx Lodge, No. 32.

Watson N. Sherrod, Past Master, Enfield, N. C., Enfield Lodge, No. 447.

P. P. Turner, Past Master, Greensboro, N. C., Corinthian Lodge, No. 542.

Harry T. Paterson, Past Master, New Bern, N. C., St. John's Lodge, No. 3.

William A. Queen, Past Master, Raleigh, N. C., Hiram Lodge, No. 40.

Charles B. Newcomb, Past Master, Wilmington, N. C., St. John's Lodge, No. 1.

Roy F. Ebbs, Asheville, N. C., Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118.

1925 DISTRIBUTION

The \$10,000.00 appropriated by the four Masonic Bodies participating, was distributed in accordance with a plan worked out

and recommended to the Committee by Hon. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction of North Carolina, (Mr. Allen, who is a University of North Carolina graduate, is not a Mason) which was on a basis of (A) \$3,000.00 to State Teacher Training Schools, (B) \$4,000 to extend work to six additional colleges, and (C) \$3,000.00 to increase existing Masonic Loan Funds in six colleges. Mr. Allen's letter is as follows:

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
RALEIGH

July 9, 1925.

Mr. A. B. Andrews,
239 Fayetteville St.,
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mr. Andrews:

MASONIC LOAN FUND

I appreciate very much indeed the request of your committee on distribution to draft a suggested schedule for the distribution of the \$10,000.00 that the Masons of North Carolina are this year placing in the Masonic Loan Funds that they have so generously established in so many of the educational institutions of North Carolina of college rank.

It is very complimentary to anyone to be the designating agent of any good cause, especially when it is of such a substantial sum as this, and when it represents the gift of 40,000 Masons of North Carolina, among whom one finds a numerous representation of the members of the County and District School Boards of Education, and for that reason, I all the more appreciate this honor.

It is my suggestion, in preparing this schedule of distribution, that you consider the matter and work out a plan of aiding the more deserving of the fourteen thousand North Carolina boys and girls now in college through this fund, having in mind three separate situations, (A) teacher training; (B) the extension of your Masonic Loan Fund to other colleges; and (C) additions to the funds you have already established in various colleges.

Following up this classification, I would suggest to you a distribution based upon the following:

(A) To the State Teacher Training Institutions, having Student Loan Funds of all kinds of less than \$30.00 per student, namely:

- | | |
|--|------------|
| (1) Appalachian Training School, Boone, N. C..... | \$1,000.00 |
| (2) Cullowhee Normal School, Cullowhee, N. C..... | 1,000.00 |
| (3) East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, N. C.. | 1,000.00 |

Total	\$3,000.00
-------------	------------

(B) Additional colleges at which Masonic Loan Funds are not now established, whose friends have suggested the establishment, of the same, namely:

- | | |
|---|------------|
| (4) Asheville Normal and Collegiate Institute, Asheville, N. C..... | \$1,000.00 |
|---|------------|

GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA

161

(5)	Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C.	750.00
(6)	High Point College, High Point, N. C.	750.00
(7)	Mitchell College, Statesville, N. C.	500.00
(8)	St. Mary's School, Raleigh, N. C.	500.00
(9)	Wingate College, Wingate, N. C.	500.00
Total new funds		\$4,000.00

(C) Additions to existing Masonic Loan Funds, in the following colleges:

(10)	Chowan College, Murfreesboro, N. C.	\$500.00
(11)	Davenport College, Lenoir, N. C.	500.00
(12)	Flora MacDonald College, Red Springs, N. C.	500.00
(13)	Louisburg College, Louisburg, N. C.	500.00
(14)	Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.	500.00
(15)	State College, A. & E., Raleigh, N. C.	500.00

Total existing fund additions \$3,000.00

The drafting of this last schedule of additions to your existing loan funds established by your committee, has caused me some considerable difficulty. There are so many high grade North Carolina colleges doing a magnificent work in educating deserving students, very few of which have any student loan funds worth while, much less commensurate with their needs. Therefore, in drawing the last schedule I endeavored to select some of the lesser expensive of the colleges in their tuition fees and expenses, considering also those located in strictly agricultural sections of our State, where just now there might be greater need for student loan funds to tide over students already in college, than in other sections of our State.

If your committee should see fit to adopt this schedule drawn by me, I hope that you will lay before the management of the several colleges the idea that this \$10,000.00 distribution by you, (as well as the \$25,000.00 distributed in previous years) for these Masonic Loan Funds, is intended to be an incentive to their Alumni, friends and neighbors, to build up other funds in these colleges for this same purpose.

In fact, I would suggest to your committee the idea of limiting the amount given to any college having five hundred or less students enrolled to a sum not exceeding one-third of the total student loan funds located at such college. While such a suggestion as this may be hard on some deserving students of the present day, yet I believe the sooner the colleges of North Carolina and the numerous friends of education are aroused to the need of sufficient student loan funds to be loaned by college authorities to deserving worthy students, the sooner that end will be achieved. I want to do all that is possible in my power to see every college in North Carolina sufficiently supplied by the friends and Alumni with student loan funds to take care of deserving students, especially intending public school teachers, whose family cannot advance them the money to complete the remaining years of their college education.

With sincere high and kind regards, and thanking your committee and the Masons of North Carolina for honoring me with

this request for a suggested distribution of the \$10,000.00 in the Masonic Loan Fund for educational purposes, I am,

Very truly yours,

A. T. ALLEN,

State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The plan of distribution was carried out, and now "Masonic Loan Funds" have been established in 28 (out of the 31) colleges in North Carolina, as recognized by the Department of Education of our State, which colleges and the amounts so placed to date (out of the total distribution of the \$35,000.00 in the four years 1921 to 1925 inclusive), are as follows:

East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, N. C.	\$3,250.00
Cullowhee Normal School, Cullowhee, N. C.	3,000.00
Appalachian Training School, Boone, N. C.	3,000.00
North Carolina College for Women, Greensboro, N. C.	2,250.00
State College of A. & E., Raleigh, N. C.	1,750.00
Flora MacDonald College, Red Springs, N. C.	1,500.00
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.	1,250.00
Chowan College, Murfreesboro, N. C.	1,250.00
Davenport College, Lenoir, N. C.	1,250.00
Duke University, Durham, N. C.	1,000.00
Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.	1,000.00
Davidson College, Davidson, N. C.	1,000.00
Elon College, Elon College, N. C.	1,000.00
Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C.	1,000.00
Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C.	1,000.00
Salem College, Winston-Salem, N. C.	1,000.00
Guilford College, Guilford College, N. C.	1,000.00
Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C.	1,000.00
Queens College, Charlotte, N. C.	1,000.00
Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C.	1,000.00
Louisburg College, Louisburg, N. C.	1,000.00
Asheville Normal & Collegiate Institute, Asheville, N. C.	1,000.00
Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C.	750.00
High Point College, High Point, N. C.	750.00
Peace Institute, Raleigh, N. C.	500.00
Mitchell College, Statesville, N. C.	500.00
St. Mary's School, Raleigh, N. C.	500.00
Wingate College, Wingate, N. C.	500.00
Total	\$35,000.00

(This statement is as of July 15, 1925).

These twenty-eight "Masonic Loan Funds" aggregate \$35,000, all raised in the last four years, and have been contributed by the various bodies as follows:

Year	Gr. Lodge A.F.&A.M.	Gr. Chap. R.A.M.	Gr. Com. K.T.	Scot. Rt. A.A.S.R.	Total
1922	\$1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$-----	\$ 5,000.00
1923	-- 2,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	-----	10,000.00

1924	--	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	10,000.00
1925	--	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	10,000.00
		<u>\$9,500.00</u>	<u>\$11,000.00</u>	<u>\$8,500.00</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>\$35,000.00</u>

This work has attracted marked attention, both in the daily newspapers of our State, as well as in the Masonic press of the United States, and the work has been highly commended. One of the best editorial notices was that of Bro. F. M. Pinnix, Editor of the Orphans' Friend, Oxford, N. C., in the issue of September 4, 1925, which is here copied in full:

THE MASONIC LOAN FUND

"The Masons of North Carolina stand four-square for education. Not only have they, in every way possible, spoken and written and pleaded for it, but they are providing means through loan funds to help college students and teachers taking training courses where the service is needed. These funds are now available to worthy and ambitious students in each of the 28 institutions in our State.

"This loan fund is provided by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Chapter, the Grand Commandery and the Scottish Rite acting together. The fund, now amounting to \$35,000 is growing at the annual rate of \$10,000 and will receive regular increments until the grand aim of building the fund to the point when there will be in the various institutions Masonic Loan Funds equivalent to \$20 for each student taking a teacher training course, \$10 for each girl student and \$5 for each boy student is reached. With 14,000 students under the conditions described, \$35,000 represents a per capita of only \$2.50. The objective of the committee in charge of the loan funds, therefore, is seen to be a high one. Many annual additions must be made before the aim is attained to, but such is the temper of the Masonic fraternity that time is the only factor involved in the matter.

"The Masons have blazed the way. If the other friends of our colleges will put a shoulder to the wheel and do their part, no young man or young woman in North Carolina will fail to receive adequate help through college or training school when it is needed. Particularly should alumni arouse themselves to the need for co-operation. In building up loan funds the Masons desire that they shall not only be a direct help to students themselves but it is the hope that their activity will bring about more general public activity along the same line.

"The loan funds are not established to serve the sons and daughters or Masons. They are literally *pro bono publico*. The Mason does not consider whether the student applicant's father or brother or grandfather has passed the Tyler's door or not. The committee in charge of the fund does not have anything to do with making loans.

"It takes no part in passing on the worthiness or scholastic standing of the applicant. The money is merely placed in the custody of the 28 institutions of North Carolina to be used where the college administrations think it is most needed and will do most good.

"The great aim of the Masonic fraternity is to do all in its power to give a death-blow to ignorance; to induce every boy and girl, young man and young woman, to receive the highest degree of education possible, and to extend friendly loans to every student going through college in want of financial accommodation.

"Let the people think seriously over Mr. Allen's recommendation. There is no argument as to the need of adequate loan funds in our institutions of learning. The Masons hope that their loan fund will have the effect of inspiring champions of education to rise to the need and give the right answer to it."—(*Editorial Orphans' Friend, Oxford, N. C., September 4, 1925*).

The great good that can be done to the public school system of North Carolina, and its 650,000 children daily attending, (and the hope of our Country and State is in having an educated citizenship) can well be appreciated, when we state that the State Department of Education advises that in 1923 there were 1,306 graduates from the colleges, of this State, of whom 738 were teaching in the State public schools during the succeeding school year 1923-1924. By providing the financial backing for intending public school teachers, the colleges themselves passing upon the worthiness and capability of each, we justify the statement—

"The Masons of North Carolina stand four-square for education. Not only have they, in every way possible, spoken and written and pleaded for it, but they are providing means through loan funds to help college students and teachers taking training courses where the service is needed. These funds are now available to worthy and ambitious students in each of the 28 institutions in our State."

We attach hereto a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements for the years 1923, 1924 and 1925, which with the statement for 1922 already printed (1923 Grand Lodge Proceedings, page 74) gives a complete statement of receipts and disbursements handled by our committee since its beginning.

The Secretary of our Joint Masonic Committee, who has handled all receipts and made all disbursements, which in four years aggregate \$35,000, asks that the Grand Lodge direct its auditor to check over and audit all of these four annual accounts, and that from now on, as long as any appropriation is made by the Grand Lodge, its auditor annually audit the receipts and disbursements of our committee, the same as any other Grand Lodge financial activity, in which request our committee concurs, and recommend that the Grand Lodge so order.

Following up the recommendation adopted in 1925, virtually pledging the Grand Lodge to raise Masonic Loan Funds for each college to aggregate \$20.00 for each teacher training student, \$10.00 for each young woman student, and \$5.00 for each young man student, we recommend that the committee, in their discretion, be authorized to stop short of these amounts whenever the aggregate of all educational loan funds (including the Masonic Loan Fund) at such individual college average \$30.00 per student, or over.

We, therefore, recommend that the work be carried forward on the same basis, as in 1925, which is \$10,000.00 distributed as follows:

The Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to appropriate \$3,000 annually, which is equal to seven and one-half cents per member.

The Grand Chapter, R. A. M., to appropriate \$3,000.00 annually, which is equal to a per capita of thirty seven and one-half cents per member.

The Grand Commandery, K.T., to appropriate \$1,000 annually, which is equal to a per capita of twenty cents per member.

The Scottish Rite Bodies, A. A. S. R., to appropriate \$3,000 annually, which is equal to a per capita of fifty cents per member.

Fraternally submitted,

LEON CASH,

Grand Master,

JOHN E. CAMERON,

Deputy Grand Master,

HUBERT M. POTEAT, P.G.M.

JAMES H. WEBB, P.G.M.

ROBERT H. WRIGHT,

WILLIAM N. EVERETT.

MASONIC LOAN FUND IN ACCOUNT WITH ALEXANDER B. ANDREWS, TREASURER

(From December 31, 1923 to December 31, 1925)

RECEIPTS

			RAM	KT	AF&AM	AASR
1923						
June 30	Grand Chapter	---\$ 3000	\$3000			
June 30	G. Commandery	--- 5000		\$5000		
July 3	Grand Lodge	--- 2000			\$2000	
			\$10,000	\$3000	\$5000	\$2000

DISBURSEMENTS

	Check					
1923						
July 10	2721	Trinity College	-----			\$1000.00
July 10	2722	Wake Forest College	-----			1000.00
July 10	2723	Davidson College	-----			1000.00
July 10	2724	Elon College	-----			1000.00
July 10	2725	Greensboro College	-----			1000.00
July 10	2726	Meredith College	-----			1000.00
July 10	2727	Flora MacDonald College	-----			1000.00
July 10	2728	Salem College	-----			1000.00
Dec. 18	2958	Guilford College	-----			1000.00
Dec. 18	2959	Cullowhee Normal School	-----			500.00
Dec. 18	2960	Appalachian Training School	-----			500.00
						\$10,000.00

RECEIPTS

			RAM	KT	AF&AM	AASR
1924						
May 26	A. A. S. R.	-----\$ 1500				\$1500
May 26	Grand Chapter	--- 3000	\$3000			
May 26	G. Commandery	--- 1000		\$1000		

May 26	Grand Lodge	-----	3000				\$3000	
June 23	A. A. S. R.	-----	1500					\$1500
			<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$3000</u>	<u>\$1000</u>	<u>\$3000</u>	<u>\$3000</u>	

DISBURSEMENTS

1924	Check							
May 30	-----	3199	North Carolina College for Women	-----				\$1000.00
May 30	-----	3200	East Carolina Teachers' College	-----				1000.00
May 30	-----	3201	Cullowhee Normal School	-----				1000.00
May 30	-----	3202	Appalachian Training School	-----				1000.00
May 30	-----	3203	Atlantic Christian College	-----				1000.00
May 30	-----	3205	Queens College	-----				1000.00
May 30	-----	3206	Chowan College	-----				750.00
May 30	-----	3207	Davenport College	-----				750.00
June 25	-----	3235	Mars Hill College	-----				500.00
June 25	-----	3236	Louisburg College	-----				500.00
June 25	-----	3237	Peace Institute	-----				500.00
Dec. 26	-----	3520	Cullowhee Normal School	-----				500.00
Dec. 26	-----	3521	Appalachian Training School	-----				500.00
								<u>\$10,000.00</u>

RECEIPTS

1925				RAM	KT	AF&AM	AASR
Mar. 19	A. A. S. R.	-----	\$ 2000				\$2000
June 22	A. A. S. R.	-----	1000				1000
June 25	Grand Chapter	-----	3000	\$3000			
June 25	Gr. Commandery	-----	1000		\$1000		
July 1	Grand Lodge	-----	3000			\$3000	
			<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$3000</u>	<u>\$1000</u>	<u>\$3000</u>	<u>\$3000</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

1925	Check						
July 14	-----	3812	Appalachian Training School	-----			\$1000.00
July 14	-----	3813	Cullowhee Normal School	-----			1000.00
July 14	-----	3814	East Carolina Teachers College	-----			1000.00
July 14	-----	3815	Asheville Normal & Collegiate Institute	-----			1000.00
July 14	-----	3816	Catawba College	-----			750.00
July 14	-----	3817	High Point College	-----			750.00
July 14	-----	3818	Mitchell College	-----			500.00
July 14	-----	3819	St. Mary's School	-----			500.00
July 14	-----	3820	Wingate College	-----			500.00
July 14	-----	3821	Chowan College	-----			500.00
July 14	-----	3822	Davenport College	-----			500.00
July 14	-----	3823	Flora MacDonald College	-----			500.00
July 14	-----	3824	Louisburg College	-----			500.00
July 14	-----	3825	Mars Hill College	-----			500.00
July 14	-----	3826	State College, A. & E.	-----			500.00
							<u>\$10,000.00</u>

Bro. P. T. Wilson presented the following report of the Oxford Orphanage Committee which was read and referred to the Finance Committee:

REPORT OF OXFORD ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Orphanage Committee have carefully considered the Report of the Board of Directors of Oxford Orphanage as well as the several reports of the various departmental heads, and heartily commend them for their excellent and efficient services to our institution. We are especially delighted at the reports of the several departments in showing a profit for the Orphanage from their operations during the past year.

We heartily endorse the recommendations of the Board and recommend the appropriation as follows:

Baby Cottage	\$ 7,500.00
Provisions, clothing, fuel, etc	25,000.00
School purposes	10,000.00
Repairs and improvements	5,000.00
Insurance	2,500.00
Total	\$50,000.00

In addition we ask that the Grand Lodge appropriate \$7,500.00 plus the interest on the hospital debt, so that our hospital may be free from debt.

Bro. R. K. Stewart brought to the attention of your committee that the Printing Department shows a profit of \$5,416.50; this was in spite of the fact, that the "Orphans' Friend and Masonic Journal" really showed considerable loss to the Printing Department. After hearing Brother Remsen on the subject, we desire to recommend to the Board of Directors, the feasibility of changing this publication to a magazine form, and that same be issued monthly instead of weekly. We believe such a change will cause the Printing Department to show a greater profit, and that our Masonic Journal will become an asset instead of a liability. Also by being published monthly it will afford more time to the editor as well as the Educational Field Secretary to prepare their copy, and in turn be of more benefit to the Craft as a whole.

We consider that the thanks of the Craft are due to the Superintendent, Bro. R. L. Brown, and his able assistants in carrying on this noble work in preparing their charges to go forth having an equal opportunity to battle with the world.

Respectfully submitted,

P. T. WILSON, *Chairman*,
 R. A. DOUGHTON,
 J. G. HUDSON,
 R. J. NOBLE,
 R. K. STEWART,
 W. N. SHERROD,
 J. W. HALE,

Committee.

Bro. R. C. Dunn submitted the following report of the Jurisprudence Committee, which was read and approved:

RALEIGH, N. C., January 20, 1926.

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence respectfully submits the following report:

We approve the following rulings and decisions of the Grand Master:

1. That Entered Apprentices who failed to learn the catechism had committed no masonic offense, and the action of the

lodge in suspending Entered Apprentices on such account was properly reversed by the Grand Master.

2. While we do not agree with the Grand Master's interpretation of Section 104, as contained in his letter in answer to the circular letter of the Grand Secretary, under date of June 12, 1925, we believe the matter will be clarified by the adoption of the following Regulation, recommended by the Grand Master in his address, to be annotated to Section 104, of the Code of 1924, to-wit:

"Regulation 263. As a condition precedent to the filing of an application for reinstatement by a brother suspended for non-payment of dues, such suspended brother shall pay all arrearages due the lodge at the time of his suspension; and in case of the rejection of such application for reinstatement the applicant shall not be entitled to the return of any part of such payment, but the lodge may remit same."

3. While we approve the ruling of the Grand Master with respect to the penalty, acceptable to the Grand Lodge, to be imposed upon one found guilty of the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, we find that this penalty is not specifically provided for in the Code of 1924. Your Committee therefore recommends that Section 151, subsection 6 (a) and (b) be amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 151, (6) (a). This Grand Lodge expressly declares the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in violation of the laws of North Carolina, or of the United States of America, including sales by all persons engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, whether permitted by the laws of North Carolina or otherwise, a Masonic offense and the penalty, upon a conviction thereof, shall be expulsion; and on the trial of a Mason accused thereof the record of conviction in the State or Federal courts, or a certified copy thereof, shall be competent evidence and prima facie proof of guilt, but evidence upon trials under this section shall not be limited to such record as evidence.

(b) The Grand Lodge further declares that hereafter no lodge shall knowingly receive or act upon the petition of a profane, who may at the date of said petition be engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, excepting, however pharmacists and physicians who are legally manufacturing or selling liquor under a permit issued under the laws of North Carolina, or of the United States of America."

5. That the Grand Master cannot grant a dispensation allowing to a subordinate lodge to hold its regular communication on any other date than that fixed by the by-laws of said lodge. (Section 107).

6. That the Grand Lodge of North Carolina cannot act as administrator, or guardian for minor children.

7. That if the accused offer no testimony or evidence in a trial, he shall have the right to open and close the argument; otherwise the prosecutor would have the right to open and close. (Section 195.)

9. That when it is necessary to have a stenographer in a trial, such stenographer must be a Mason, but not necessarily a member of the trial lodge.

11. That, all appointive officers of the subordinate lodges may be installed by proxy. (Section 84.)

12. That, if a brother has filed a request for a dimit he may withdraw his application before any action is taken thereon by the lodge, and such brother will remain a member of the lodge from which he requested the dimit. (Section 141.)

13. That no lodge may attend a religious service or a funeral, in a body and duly clothed, unless such lodge is opened in due form before and closed in due form after the service.

14. That social functions, to which the public is invited, may be held in a Masonic Hall; however, such functions should be wholly in keeping and accord with the teachings and principles of Masonry.

15. That, a lodge has no right to refuse to issue a dimit to a brother whose dues were paid three months in advance and against whom there were no charges, until a dismissal fee of \$2.50 was paid. Such a by-law is in conflict with Section 142 and Section 146. (Section 39: Section 78.)

16. That a registered letter containing copy of charges and notice as required by Section 162 mailed to the last known address of an offending brother, more than ten days previous to the time set for trial, is a proper notice on which a trial of such offending brother may be had. (Chapter XXVI.)

17. That, when four members of a lodge were suspended for non-payment of dues, by unanimous vote, objection could not be made that the suspension was not legal because the vote was taken on a single resolution to suspend the four. (Section 101.)

18. That a lodge has no authority over an expelled Mason. If such expelled Mason persists in wearing a Masonic emblem he can be dealt with only by action in the courts of the State.

19. That a brother who had unwittingly accepted membership in a Canadian lodge, not knowing it was contrary to Section 94 of the Code of 1924, prohibiting dual membership, was properly granted a dimit by Wayne Lodge, No. 112. (Section 94.)

20. That it is not legal under any circumstances to administer punishment to a member found guilty of an offense without having notified the entire membership of the lodge of the trial as required by Section 184 of the Code of 1924.

21. That none of the degrees of Masonry can be conferred upon a candidate who does not accept the verbiage of the obligations as prescribed by the Grand Lodge.

22. We also approve the action of the Grand Master in refusing to request another Grand Jurisdiction for a waiver of jurisdiction over a petitioner who had not resided in North Carolina for twelve months. (Sections 4:73: 118) [Andrews Digest, paragraph 717.]

4. While the circumstances of the case in which the Grand Master ruled that for the crime of adultery with a woman not related to Masonry, the penalty must be expulsion; may have warranted such ruling, yet, your Committee is firmly of the opinion that the fixing of the degree of punishment for an offense should be left to the subordinate lodge, except in those cases where such punishment is prescribed by the Code of 1924, the action of the subordinate lodge being always subject to review by the Grand Lodge.

8. We disapprove the ruling of the Grand Master that for the best interest of Masonry a District Deputy Grand Master may be permitted to attend a trial in any lodge in his district, except when specifically instructed so to do by the Grand Master.

10. We disapprove the decision of the Grand Master that an expelled Mason can only be restored to membership by the Grand Lodge, Sections 236 and 237, Code of 1924, are very explicit on this subject.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

We recommend that the following amendments to the Constitution, proposed at the last Annual Communication, be adopted:

"Amend Chapter IV, Section 32, sub-division (4) to make it read as follows:

(4). To prepare on blanks, to be furnished by the Grand Secretary, a statement in tabular form of the condition of each lodge in his district for the year ending on the 30th day of June, and transmit such report to the Grand Master on or before the 1st day of November to be by him laid before the Grand Lodge.

Amend Chapter XI, Section 98 to read as follows:

SECTION 98. *Grand Lodge Dues and Assessments*—On or before September 1st of each year every lodge shall pay to the Grand Secretary as dues to the Grand Lodge the sum of \$2.50 for every member of the lodge at low twelve on June 30th, and \$1.00 for every candidate initiated by the lodge, at the same time it shall also pay such other assessments as may be ordered by the Grand Lodge. (See also Sections 90 (7) and 124.)

Amend Chapter XVII, Section 124 to make it read as follows:

SECTION 124. *Fee for Degrees*—The amount chargeable by the subordinate lodges for the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason shall not be less than \$35.00, all of which said amount must accompany the petition, and in no case shall the fees be remitted. A fee of \$10.00 shall be paid to the Grand Lodge for each initiate received into the lodge, which shall be set aside to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund and said fee of \$10.00 shall be remitted to the Grand Lodge semi-annually, the first day of January and July of each year, and shall be reported on such forms as may be prescribed by the Grand Secretary. (See also Section 98.)

We disapprove the following resolution proposed at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

"Resolved that the first sentence of Section 124 of the Constitution to be amended to read as follows:

"The amount chargeable by the subordinate lodges for the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason shall not be less than thirty-five dollars (\$35.00), at least one-half of which must accompany a petition, one-half of the remainder before receiving the Fellow Craft Degree, and the remainder before receiving the Master Mason Degree."

It being the opinion of your Committee that the above amendment to Section 124, as proposed by Grand Secretary Willson

should prevail and be adopted, and that this resolution should be rejected.

Your committee concurs in recommendation No. 3, of the Grand Master, and recommends that Regulation 262 be amended to read as follows:

"Regulation 262. The Grand Master shall be ex-officio chairman of the following committees; on Oxford Orphanage; on Masonic and Eastern Star Home; on Masonic Temple; and the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens shall be ex-officio members, with voting privileges, of said committees, as well as ex-officio members, with voting privileges, of the committees on Finance and Jurisprudence and the Board of Directors of Oxford Orphanage and Masonic and Eastern Star Home."

And that the same be annotated to Section 15 of the Code of 1924.

We recommend that all decisions and recommendations approved by the Grand Lodge be properly annotated and printed on suitable slips and distributed as provided in Section 18, (8) of the Code of 1924.

We congratulate the Grand Master on his knowledge of Masonic law as evidenced by his decisions and commend him for his citations of the provisions of the Code in each of his decisions, and we recommend to the officers and members of this Grand Lodge a careful study of its laws.

S. M. GATTIS, *Chm.*,
WALTER E. MOORE,
CHAS. B. NEWCOMB,
B. S. ROYSTER,
W. H. S. BURGWYN,
J. W. WINBORNE,
THOS. J. HARKINS,
J. T. DELANEY,
R. C. DUNN,
Committee.

Bro. John E. Cameron submitted the report of the Board of Custodians, which was read and adopted:

RALEIGH, N. C., January 19, 1926.

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Board of Custodians and Grand Lecturers held their Annual Summer Meeting at North Wilkesboro, N. C., August 24, 25, 26 and 27, 1925, at which the Grand Master, Bro. Leon Cash, the Grand Secretary, Bro. W. W. Willson, all members of the Board of Custodians, and all Grand Lecturers, except Brothers Holland and Alford, were present.

The meeting on Monday evening, August, the 24th, was under the direction of Bro. W. C. Wicker, Educational Field Secretary,

who conducted an excellent educational program, assisted by the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and others.

The ritualistic work was thoroughly reviewed during that meeting, the three degrees being conferred. Bros. A. G. Cashion and W. L. Thompson were present and requested an examination. These brethren were found to be fully proficient in the authorized work and they were recommended to the Grand Master for appointment as Assistant Grand Lecturers. Brother Thompson stated that he could not accept work in the field as Assistant Grand Lecturer, and in lieu of requesting a commission as such, a certificate of proficiency was granted him.

Many courtesies were shown those in attendance by the brethren of Liberty Grove Lodge, No. 407, which were gratefully acknowledged by appropriate resolutions.

On Thursday morning, August 27th, the brethren of North Wilkesboro took the entire party to West Jefferson, N. C., where a brief session was held in the lodge room.

On Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock, Liberty Grove Lodge, No. 407, was convened in emergent communication and the third degree conferred by the Grand Lecturers, which meeting was largely attended by the brethren in North Wilkesboro and from nearby lodges.

We thoroughly appreciated the presence of M. W. Leon Cash, Grand Master and Grand Secretary Willson, who contributed much to the success of the meeting. We welcomed the return of our beloved Brother, John Comeron.

The January meeting was held in Raleigh, N. C., at which time a complete review of the work was made and a school of instruction was held, and the three degrees exemplified before a large attendance of the brethren. The Board of Custodians, except Brother Boyce, and all Grand Lecturers were present at this meeting.

Reports of the Grand Lecturers show an increasing interest on the part of the lodges for their services, which is gratifying, yet, there are a number of lodges that have not had the instruction by a Grand Lecturer, within the past two years. A report of these lodges will be prepared and forwarded to the Grand Master for his attention. We call to the attention of this Grand Lodge, a matter of serious importance to-wit: the practice on the part of some lodges in cancelling contracted engagements with the Grand Lecturers without reasonable notice. This matter should receive the attention of the Grand Lodge; an investigation should be made and some remedy provided in such cases.

We take this means of thanking Bro. John D. Berry, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, for the use of their Hall during the January meeting of the Board and the Lecturers.

The painstaking and efficient work of the Grand Lecturers is heartily approved and we recommend each of them to be re-commissioned for the ensuing Masonic year.

J. E. CAMERON,
Chairman,

CHAS B. NEWCOMB,
Secretary.

Bro. A. B. Andrews, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Finance beg to report as follows:

We find from the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer that the receipts of the Grand Lodge are as follows:

REVENUE

Receipts to January 1, 1926, from all sources.

Dues and fines	\$107,045.20
Charity Fund	16,810.00
Charter Fees	90.00
Dispensation fees	50.00
Drewry Memorial Fund	1,987.88
From Dellaplane Lodge, No. 355	44.69
Dues from members of defunct lodges	193.45
Sale of property, No. 441	5.60
Sale of lot, No. 441	50.00
From Roaring River Lodge, No. 570	2.50
Sale of property, No. 355 and No. 570	20.00
Sale of Digest and Proceedings	20.65
Sale of Codes	194.00
Miscellaneous receipts	21.40

Total \$126,535.37

Paid B. R. Lacy, per his receipts \$126,535.37

This money has already been turned over to the Grand Treasurer, and we find that his report shows the following:

Receipts from Grand Secretary	\$126,535.50
Interest on Meredith College bonds	300.00

Interest on bank balances:

Raleigh Savings Bank & Trust Co.	197.03
Wachovia Bank & Trust Co.	144.17

Total \$127,176.57

To which add: Balance forward last year 22,323.52

Grand Total \$149,500.09

Less disbursements 135,027.71

Apparent balance on hand January 1, 1926 \$ 14,472.38

Against this cash balance should be charged the Grand Charity Fund, which the Grand Lodge of 1925, (page 123), directed should be set up and held for an emergency. This fund consists of the following:

1923 balance	\$ 5,543.00
1924 balance	3,140.00
1925 balance unexpended	1,472.00

Appropriation for 1925----- 1,000.00

Total ----- \$11,155.00

Also the unpaid appropriations for the last three years, which aggregate \$4,468.17, are as follows:

Unpaid appropriations	1923	1924	1925	
Masonic Relief Association--\$	214.45	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$ 614.45
Masonic Service Association	2,853.62	.10		2,853.72
Warren G. Harding Mem.---		500.00		500.00
Joseph Montford Memorial--		250.00	250.00	500.00
	<u>\$3,068.07</u>	<u>\$950.10</u>	<u>\$450.00</u>	<u>\$4,468.17</u>

Making the grand total of deductions \$15,623.17, leaving a debit (red ink) balance of \$1,150.79.

EXPENDITURES OF 1925

We recommend the approval of all disbursements made by the Grand Treasurer, including those where at the request of the Grand Secretary and by the direction of the Grand Master, the allotted budget was exceeding.

FINANCIAL

For the second year your Finance Committee finds the actual receipts fall below the estimate made by the Committee, and we think this should be called to the attention of the Grand Lodge.

These over-estimates are due to the Finance Committee not making sufficient allowances in the falling off in the number of initiates. In January 1925, we estimated the number of initiates would be 2,234 for the year 1925, when actually there were only 1556. When we consider that each initiate means \$11.00 of revenue to the Grand Lodge, this difference of six hundred initiates makes a loss of \$7,000.00 in the receipts of this Grand Lodge. Your Committee have made their estimates upon the experience of the past years, which since 1922 have shown a steady decline. This falling off of the number of initiates is not due to any lack of interest in Freemasonry, but is the natural reaction from the flood of prosperity that came very near over-whelming the fraternity during the flush years of 1919, 1920 and 1921. Action is equal to reaction, and in the opposite direction. Therefore, we wish to give notice to the Grand Lodge that any material increases in expenditures will have to be met by increased per capita tax, as the Finance Committee does not see the money in sight to increase the present budget.

PERMANENT FUND

Pursuant to the order of the Grand Lodge of 1925, the trustees of the Grand Lodge (the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Chairman of the Finance Committee and the five members of the Board of General Purposes, as ordered by 1925 Proceedings, page 122) met January 19th, 1926, and organized and took over the following investments of the Grand Lodge:

- (A) The \$5000 of Meredith College bonds;
- (B) The \$1200.00 of U. S. Treasury certificates, due in 1928.
- (C) The \$1000.00 cash on hand.

They have made an agreement with the Raleigh Savings Bank & Trust Company, as trustee, to hold these investments for the Grand Lodge and make report of the same annually.

Carrying out the recommendation of the Grand Lodge of 1925, we continue the appropriation of \$1000.00 to this fund.

GRAND CHARITY FUND

The trustees of the Grand Lodge, as directed by 1925 Proceedings, page 123, have received over from the Grand Treasurer the sum of \$10,155.00, consisting of (A) the unexpended balance of \$5543.00 for the year 1923, as shown on 1924 Proceedings, page 151, and (B) \$3140.00 out of the 1924 appropriation, as shown by the 1925 Proceedings, page 121, and (C) \$1472.00 unexpended charity appropriation balance for 1925, as shown by the Grand Treasurer's report.

The Board of Trustees authorized an agreement made with the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company for the deposit and investment of this Fund, under the name of "Grand Lodge of North Carolina, A. F. & A. M., Grand Charity Fund."

OXFORD ORPHANAGE

The Board of Directors of the Oxford Orphanage ask for, and the Grand Lodge Committee has appropriated the following items:

(1) For Baby Cottage Maintenance.....	\$ 7,500.00
(2) For Provisions, clothing, fuel, lights, etc.....	25,000.00
(3) For School expenses.....	10,000.00
(4) Repairs and improvements.....	5,000.00
(5) Insurance on buildings and contents.....	2,500.00
Total	\$50,000.00

Also they ask for:

(6) Balance on hospital indebtedness.....	\$7,500.00
(7) Interest on the same.....	450.00
	<u>7,950.00</u>
Total	\$57,950.00

In his Address, Grand Master Cash calls attention to the fact that the Grand Lodge should look forward to the day when the State Appropriation of \$30,000.00 should be dispensed with, at some time in the future, and this great benevolence be supported entirely by the Masonic fraternity. The State contribution of \$28,500.00 is equivalent of a seventy-five cents per capita tax upon our membership. If the Grand Lodge wishes that course pursued, it will be necessary to increase the per capita tax.

The Finance Committee believe that neither this Grand Lodge, nor any citizen of North Carolina, need apologize for the joint arrangement entered into by the Grand Lodge and the State of North Carolina, the Grand Lodge furnishing free of charge a \$750,000.00 plant, and it allowing the State three directors out of the eight, while the Grand Lodge furnishes only eighty Masonic orphans, and the States furnishes 320 non-Masonic orphans and contributes only \$28,500.00, (practically a per capita of \$90.00 for each non-Masonic orphan, when it is costing \$350.00) out of the total \$150,000.00 required to conduct this great benevolent work.

Having confidence in the judgment and the ability of the Board of Directors to handle the money to the best advantage of the institution, and of the Grand Lodge, we make a lump sum appropriation of \$50,000.00, and a special of \$7,950.00 for the hospital debt and interest.

SCHOOL BUILDING AT ORPHANAGE

With regard to the outstanding notes of the Grand Lodge, aggregating \$59,500.00, given for the construction of the new school building at the Oxford Orphanage, the authority for which was set out in 1925 Proceedings, page 123, which are seven in number and have to be met December 1, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932, pursuant to the order of the Grand Lodge and a contract made with the holders of the notes, make an appropriation of \$8500.00 on the principal, and an appropriation of \$4165.00 to pay the annual interest on these bonds. These payments to be made to the holders of the notes and coupons, as the same are severally presented.

MASONIC AND EASTERN STAR HOME

The Board of Directors of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home ask for \$25,000.00 annual appropriation, itemized as follows:

(1) Regular maintenance	\$17,500.00
(2) Improvements	2,500.00
(3) Special for hospital building fund.....	5,000.00

Total\$25,000.00

We make a lump sum appropriation of \$20,000.00, as the Grand Lodge has confidence in the ability of the Board of Directors to disburse this money to the best advantage of this institution and the Grand Lodge. We congratulate the Board of Directors in maintaining this institution on a yearly per capita basis of \$427.00, which is much lower than similar homes.

GRAND LODGE NOTES OUTSTANDING

We find that there are now outstanding notes of the Grand Lodge consisting of \$59,500.00 given for the construction of the school building, and \$7000.00 of notes given to the Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund, a total of \$67,500.00, on which the annual interest is \$4,585.00, (\$4165.00 and \$420.00).

As the details of these notes were set out in the 1925 Proceedings, where full information can be found, we do not bring forward that detail.

Whenever the Grand Lodge finances will permit, we recommend the Grand Lodge authorize the anticipation of any outstanding notes or obligations by payment before date of maturity.

MASONIC EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION

This work has been carried forward with increased interest by the fraternity, and the report of the committee shows that it is filling a needed want in our State. They ask for \$8500.00 appropriation in order to carry on the work. We regret that the finan-

cial conditions at present will not permit making the appropriation requested, but we do again apportion \$7000.00 for this purpose, and have included the same in the budget.

GEORGE WASHINGTON NATIONAL MASONIC MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

We continue this item in the budget, carrying out the order of the Grand Lodge in 1924, (pages 29, 38 and 153), which will also have to be paid in the years, 1926 and 1927. As our pledge was for \$1.00 for each Master Mason, and there are now practically 42,000 in North Carolina, it will be seen that this item will have to be carried also for 1928. While North Carolina is credited with \$3,000.00 of other payments, yet over half of that has been contributed by the Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery and other Masonic bodies of North Carolina, to whom these contributions will be credited when the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association appeals to other Masonic bodies.

MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION

As this work is based on five cents per capita on each Master Mason, we have increased the appropriation in the budget from \$2000.00 to \$2150.00, in order to take care of this expense, which will increase annually in proportion as our membership. The balance brought forward to the credit of this Association in the unexpended balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer are due to the per capita call in 1923 having been so much smaller, and besides it was on a less membership than we had anticipated.

MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION

We all appreciate the great work that is being done by this Association in giving publicity to and detecting imposters and unworthy persons pretending to be Master Masons who are trying to impose upon the Craft, and the service is rendered at a minimum of expense to all the Grand Lodges of America. We regret to find that our Grand Lodge is three years in arrears in paying our proportionate dues of one-half of one per cent per member, which aggregates about \$600.00. Owing to the membership of the Grand Lodge now aggregating 42,000 members, we have raised the amount in the budget to \$215.00 to cover this item. This indebtedness shows up in the Grand Treasurer's report in the amount of \$614.45 unexpended appropriations for 1923, 1924 and 1925.

NATIONAL MASONIC TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

We approve the recommendation of an appropriation of \$500.00 for this purpose and have included the same in the budget.

MASONIC HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA

We approve the recommendation of Grand Master Cash that the sum of \$1000.00 be placed at the disposal of the proper committee to be expended for the purpose of gathering necessary materials, looking to the compiling and writing of a history of Freemasonry in North Carolina in conjunction with a similar committee from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

REVOKED APPROPRIATION

We recommend that the Grand Lodge revoke the balance unexpended for 1923 and 1924 of \$2,853.62 in the former year, and ten cents in the latter year, aggregating \$2,853.70, for the Masonic Service Association. This appropriation was authorized when it was thought the work would cost a greater amount. The revoking of this appropriation reduces the unpaid appropriation outstanding from \$4468.17 down to \$1814.45. It will further convert the debit red ink balance of \$1150.79 into a credit balance on hand, in the general fund, with which to open the year 1926, of \$1702.93.

AUTHORITY TO BORROW FROM THE GRAND CHARITY FUND

We recommend that the Grand Treasurer, who is the Custodian of the Grand Charity Fund, be authorized, in his discretion, to transfer in excess of \$10,000.00, to the General Fund, in order to finance the budget of the Grand Lodge, and that he account to the Charity Fund for the interest on the money so used.

FINANCIAL

There are now 41,305 Masons returned by the several lodges and using the same proportionate figures as has been shown in the Grand Secretary's Report, namely that the initiates will average four per cent and the net gain one and three-fourths per cent upon these figures, we estimate that the number of initiates will be 1652, and that the net gain will be 721, which will give an aggregate number of Master Masons of July 1, 1926, as approximately 42,026.

Last year we estimated that the number on July 1, 1925, would have been two hundred greater than what we now estimate as of July 1, 1926, but actual figures showed an error in our estimation as to the number of initiates, and it fell short six hundred.

For 1925, we estimated that the Grand Secretary's receipts would be \$132,989.00, and that the disbursements would approximate \$135,540.00. Actually the Grand Treasurer's receipts (including interest) were \$127,176.57, while the disbursements were \$135,027.71. In other words the disbursements fell short \$512.29 of reaching our estimate, while the receipts fell short \$7489.00 due to the falling off in initiates.

On the basis of estimated membership of 42,026 and 1652 initiates, we estimate the receipts for the year ending July 1, 1926, will be as follows:

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

42,026 Masons at \$2.50	\$105,065.00
1652 initiates at \$1.00 for expenses	1,652.00
1652 initiates at \$10.00 for charity	16,520.00
Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund	2,000.00
Charters and dispensations	150.00
Sales of Digest and Proceedings	10.00
Fees for suspensions and expulsions	50.00

Sales 1924 Codes	200.00
Miscellaneous	100.00

\$125,747.00

BUDGET

A. OXFORD ORPHANAGE, MASONIC HOME, CHARITY AND EDUCATION	
1. Oxford Orphanage	\$ 50,000.00
2. Hospital debt and interest	7,950.00
3. School building note principal	8,500.00
4. School building note interest	3,570.00
5. Masonic Home	20,000.00
6. Grand Charity Fund	3,000.00
7. Masonic Loan Fund	3,000.00
	\$96,020.00

B. ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

1. Credentials Committee	\$ 30.00
2. Grand Lodge Officers' expenses and incidentals	575.00
3. Past Grand Master's jewel	75.00
4. D.D.G.M. Mileage	300.00
5. June Communication	100.00
	\$ 1,080.00

C. ANNUAL SALARIES

1. Grand Master's stenographer	\$ 500.00
2. Grand Secretary	3,600.00
3. Grand Secretary's Clerical help	3,900.00
4. Grand Treasurer	500.00
5. Grand Tyler	50.00
6. Foreign Correspondent	350.00
7. Auditing	100.00
	\$ 9,000.00

D. ANNUAL EXPENSES

1. Masonic education and information	\$ 7,000.00
2. Masonic Service Association	2,150.00
3. Masonic Relief Association	215.00
4. Grand Master's expenses	500.00
5. Rent for Grand Secretary's office	1,050.00
6. Printing Proceedings	3,000.00
7. Custodian's expenses	350.00
8. Bonds of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer	200.00
9. Grand Secretary expenses:	
Postage	\$600.00
Stationery	400.00
Printing	100.00
	1,100.00
	\$15,565.00

E. SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

1. George Washington Memorial	\$ 10,000.00
-------------------------------------	--------------

2. Drewry Memorial Grand Sec'y's Fund---	1,000.00
3. Drewry Mem. Grand Sec'y's Fund, inter.	420.00
4. Grand Lodge Permanent Fund-----	1,000.00
5. Tuberculosis Commission-----	500.00
6. Masonic History of North Carolina-----	1,000.00
7. Joseph Montford Memorial-----	250.00
8. Miscellaneous and contingent-----	1,000.00
	<hr/> \$15,170.00

RECAPITULATION

A. Orphanage, Masonic Home, Charity and Education	\$96,020.00
B. Annual Communication-----	1,080.00
C. Annual Salaries-----	9,000.00
D. Annual Expenses-----	15,565.00
E. Special Appropriations-----	15,170.00
Total-----	<hr/> \$136,835.00

Fraternally submitted,

A. B. ANDREWS,
P. T. WILSON,
J. LEGRAND EVERETT,
JOB TAYLOR,
H. C. ALEXANDER,
J. C. HOBBS, JR.,
R. C. GARY,
L. E. GREEN.

Bro. J. Edward Allen submitted report as representative to the George Washington Memorial Association, which was read and adopted:

That was a rare foresight with which this Grand Lodge voted unanimously to tax itself in order that in four years it should have paid in not less than one dollar per Master Mason on the rolls of its lodges, to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association. Others have followed in our footsteps; and others yet, stimulated by example such as ours, have bestired themselves in other ways to the end that sufficient funds shall be raised, to assure the Association that work shall be done during the year upon this massive structure which it is building, without interruption.

We sincerely believe this to be the most significant Masonic enterprise of our generation. In one respect only has the Masonry of the United States of America been compelled to reveal a weakness, which is its lack of unity. In the George Washington Masonic Memorial is the one object upon which all of American Masonry, without a single exception, has agreed. Today there is not a single Grand Lodge in the United States which has failed to endorse the Association; not a single state from which Masonic donations for its work have not been received. In this, if in no other matter, this Association has achieved that which is without parallel in the annals of American Masonry.

There must a reason for this. There is such a reason. Masonry is co-extensive with and for civil and religious liberty. Though not willing to permit questions of political government or religious differences to enter the sacred tyled recesses of the lodge, Masonry yet recognizes humanity's inherent civil and religious rights. The monument to Washington, the Mason, is to all good Masons a symbol which illustrated our deep-rooted belief in those rights, without suggesting any matters repugnant to Masonry; it is a constant reminded of the career of George Washington, who was glad to be numbered with and among us, even when in the midst of the most perplexing problems of government. It is right and a true exemplification of the spirit of Masonry, that such a Memorial to Washington shall be erected, the greatest to any Mason, to remind future generations of those immortal principles to which the life of Washington was dedicated.

North Carolina should be proud of the fact that she has made provision for the payment in full, of her obligation incurred for this monumental building. She should be proud also of the fact that when, one hundred years ago, a memorial to Washington was proposed by certain Grand Lodges, the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was one of the few that, at that early day, agreed to join in the undertaking.

The George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association is in good hands; its officers are all excellent leaders, wise, able business men, and men who are not accustomed to bringing matter in their charge, to anything less than a successful conclusion. They do not permit any contract to be executed for any matter in connection with the Memorial, unless the funds be in hand wherewith same is to be paid for. Nearly two million dollars will be reported as received when the Association meets next February. It is estimated that this is perhaps half of the total amount to be expended. Not one cent of any donation is expended for anything other than actual material and construction; bonded resources provide all operating expense and upkeep.

In concluding this Report, we quote the words of the President of the Association, Col. Louis A. Watres, of Scranton, Pa.:

"The building of this temple is one of the greatest efforts ever put forth in Masonry. It will be the rallying place for Masons not only of the United States but eventually throughout the whole world. Under its roof Masonic ideals will flourish. It will be more than a memorial to Washington: it will be a monument to civil and religious liberty and to a stable and orderly government. Erected of enduring material, our Temple will stand through the ages. It will carry to generations yet unborn and to those to whom we may seem an ancient race, the message of human brotherhood. It will perpetuate the attributes of self-denial, patriotism, love of country, and of fellowmen which are exemplified in the life and work of the great Mason, master builder of our Nation."

Indeed, the Masonic Memorial to George Washington will ere long become an international Masonic reminder of all the best that Masonry stands for. No less distinguished a Mason than Sir Alfred Robbins, President of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England, pointed out, in addressing the Grand Lodge of Ohio a year ago, that in Masonic matters

there had never been any Revolutionary fighting, nor any disagreement, between England and America. Thus Washington, the Mason, typifies the unity of purpose of all Masonry that believes in God the Father, and His Revelation through the Volume of the Sacred Law, and believes these indispensable to Masonry; that Masonry which is the Brotherhood of Man through the Fatherhood of God.

J. EDW. ALLEN,
Grand Representative.

Bro. Harry T. Paterson submitted the following report on Committee of Appeals, which was read by sections and adopted and then adopted as a whole:

We, your Committee on Appeals, beg to report as follows:

1. In the case of Bro. F. J. Eubanks of Oaks Lodge, No. 255, charged of un-masonic conduct by University Lodge, No. 408, the Brother admitted his guilt, and by vote of the lodge, the punishment was fixed as a reprimand. We believe the punishment was sufficient and recommend that the action of the lodge be sustained.

2. In the case of A. F. Williams, appealing from the judgment of Piney Creek Lodge, No. 432, in expelling him for un-Masonic conduct. The offense charged was assault with intent to kill. We find no error in the conduct of the case and recommend that the action of the lodge be sustained.

3. In the case of the trial of B. F. McColman by Belmont Lodge, No. 108, resulting in the expulsion of the accused, the transcript shows a verbal notice of appeal. No grounds for the appeal were stated and no one appeared before us. We have read the transcript and, finding no error recommend the action of the lodge be sustained.

4. In the case of Linville Lodge, No. 489, against L. W. Suderth, suspended for un-Masonic conduct for twelve months, we find no grounds for appeal and recommend that the action of the lodge be sustained.

HARRY T. PATTERSON,
H. M. BRANDON,
C. S. CHAMBERLIAN,
W. S. REICH,
H. H. TATE.

Bro. R. C. Dunn submitted the following resolution which was read and adopted:

Whereas, it is desirable that each subordinate lodge be instructed in the ritualistic work, by a Grand Lecturer, at least once every two years, and,

Whereas, there is no definite plan by which the lecture service can be extended, to obtain the result, now therefore, be it

Resolved, That a Committee of five (5) be appointed to survey the entire problem of the lecture service; to work out a definite plan to make it more efficient and accomplish the desired end of having each subordinate lodge lectured at least once every two years, and report to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

That the said Committee is hereby empowered to obtain all such information, reports and data, and to hold such meetings and to do such things as in its opinion is deemed necessary to work out its plan.

The Grand Master introduced Bro. Wm. Wolfe, Tiler of Monroe Lodge, No. 244, who responded as follows:

BROTHER WOLF, (Monroe Lodge, No. 244): As one of the representatives to this Grand Lodge, I wish to say that Union County desires to be represented among the working tools of this Grand Lodge and, therefore, we have had prepared a gavel made of hickory that grew on the land upon which the cabin was situated in which Andrew Jackson was born—Union County, North Carolina. This tract of land is located near the National Highway leading from Charlotte to Lancaster, Columbia, and so on, which has been suitably marked by the Daughters of the American Revolution. A good road has been built out from the main highway to the spot which is marked at the side of the road. We would like for the members of the Grand Lodge to come and see that place. I am no ornamental speaker and I will terminate my remarks—by the way, we haven't had time to have the plate put on, but I will send it down to Brother Willson to have it put on. The man who turned it told me that it was so hard it dulled the tools. (Applause).

GRAND MASTER CASH: I take a great deal of pleasure in accepting on behalf of the Grand Lodge, from Brother Wolf of Monroe Lodge, and from the Masons of Union County, North Carolina, this very valuable instrument and I am going to use it now for the first time.

The minutes of the Evening Session were read and approved.

Prayer was offered as follows by Rev. J. W. Rowell:

Supreme Architect of the Universe, accept our humble praises for the many mercies and blessings which Thy bounty has visited upon us, especially for this friendly and social intercourse. As we go forth from here may the principles and teachings of our institution be so firmly rooted in our every day life that every brother may carry the inspiration that he has gotten back to his home there to inspire the members there with the determination to live closer to each other and thereby come closer to the Great Architect of the Universe. Guide us in the way we should go and bring us safely to that temple not made with hands Eternal in the Heavens.—Amen.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 10:00 o'clock a. m., Thursday, January 21, 1926.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION

RALEIGH, N. C., January 21, 1926.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 10:00 o'clock a. m.

The following prayer was offered by Associate Grand Chaplain, W. E. Poovey.

Oh Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth. Before the mountains were brought forth, and wherever Thou hast made the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God. We thank Thee for life, for the fellowship that uplifts, and for the incentives that expand, for the service that inspires. We thank Thee for this comradeship in which we have shared during these days. We thank Thee for the comradeship that makes us feel akin to all mankind. We thank Thee for the comradeship of common interests that enables us to render jointly a service which may mean more than it could if rendered individually. We

thank Thee, above all, for that comradeship of service that binds us together in common undertakings, and for the pursuit of common tasks. We pray that these days we have spent together may have made such an impress upon our hearts that we may return to our various places, and to the lodges from which we have come, with purposes that are purified and a zeal that is more intense for the work to which we have committed ourselves. We pray especially, oh God, that Thou will bless the labors of those who have worked for and with us during the past year. We thank Thee for their faithfulness. We thank Thee for their earnestness, for their diligence, for their untiring labors in our midst. We pray Thy blessing also upon those who shall assume the responsibilities of the work of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina during this year, especially we invoke Thy blessing upon the incoming Grand Master. Give him strength and health, and may this be a year of happy joyous service among his brethren and the other co-workers and officers that assume heavy and responsible places this morning. Grant, our Father, that they may hold up his hands and that the fellowship and the joy of service may be refreshing and elevating to them and to us. Now, oh God, guide us in the ways we ought to go, in the paths of service, and may we render all that we do in Thy name until it is Thy will that we shall go hence and be with Thee in that House not made with hands eternal in the Heavens. —Amen.

Bro. R. F. Edwards, Chairman of Committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted the following report which was read and adopted:

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, have examined the records, transcript of provided By-laws and correspondence connected with Garland Lodge, U.D., at Garland, N. C., and their petition for a charter. We recommend that the charter be granted.

We also recommend that the name of Farmers Lodge, No. 404, be changed to Denton, No. 404, Denton, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. EDWARDS,

J. W. PATTON,

JEFF L. NELSON,

Committee.

Past Grand Master A. B. Andrews submitted the following report as trustee of the Permanent Fund of the Grand Lodge, which was read and adopted:

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Trustees of the Permanent Fund, as prescribed in the 1925 Proceedings, page 122, met January 20, 1926, and formally organized.

We approved of the arrangement of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary in tentatively arranging with the Raleigh Savings Bank & Trust Company to be Custodian of the Permanent Fund consisting of the investments, a list of which are set out in the report of the Grand Treasurer.

We also approved of the arrangement made to the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the deposit of the charity money, now to be known as the Grand Charity Fund, in the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, and that hereafter it is to be reported to the Grand Lodge as a separate account.

As the Grand Charity Fund will be kept as a deposit, we heartily concur in the decision of the Finance Committee, which authorizes the Grand Treasurer, in his discretion, to borrow for the General Fund from the Charity such sum or sums as may be needed not exceeding \$10,000.00, in order to finance the business matters of the Grand Lodge until September or October, when the revenues are received.

Fraternally submitted,

LEON CASH,

*Grand Master
and Chairman.*

Past Grand Master A. B. Andrews offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be directed to look into the question of the standards of recognition of other Grand Lodges, as prescribed by the several Grand Lodges of North America, and include the same in his report on correspondence to the Grand Lodge of 1927.

Bro. J. Edward Allen offered the following resolution which was read and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee:

Whereas, this Grand Lodge in 1924 adopted a standard basis of recognition of foreign Grand Lodges, which is set out at length in the Proceedings of that year and again in the Proceedings of 1925, and it appearing that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico now complies with the standard set out in that basis of recognition.

Therefore, recognition is hereby extended to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

J. EDWARD ALLEN.

PAST GRAND MASTER OWEN: Henry F. Grainger Lodge, No. 412 has not been able to pay their Grand Lodge dues and they have asked me to explain it. There was a severe hail storm in that section and all the crops in that territory about two miles broad and seven miles long, were destroyed and I think in Henderson they raised about \$2000.00 for relief in that territory. There are four or five members of the lodge who are very anxious to continue the lodge. The others are much discouraged and want to give up their charter. They feel that they would be willing to borrow the money to pay their annual dues if they had the support of the membership, but with the majority of the members being in favor of giving up the charter they do not feel justified in doing it. They did not ask for remission of the dues but asked me to make that statement.

MR. ALDERMAN: I, too, have been through that section and I know the destitute condition of the Masons in that lodge, and anything that can be done to relieve their troubles so they will not have to give up their charter I think should be done. Brother Royster knows the situation also.

MR. ROYSTER: I know that what Brother Owen and Brother Alderman have said about the distress in that community is so. Many of them are on the charity of their neighbors and neighboring towns. I don't know what to suggest but I would hate to see those brethren have to lose their charter. I hope something can be done whereby they will get some relief. They haven't got any money.

GRAND MASTER: I am sure the Grand Lodge feels very sympathetic. I think it would be a bad precedent to remit the dues but I would suggest that the Grand Lodge give them whatever time may be necessary to see among themselves what they want to do, whether they want to finance themselves or abandon the charter.

GRAND SECRETARY WILLSON: I move, sir, that this matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master and the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Motion duly seconded and carried.

MR. ANDREWS: In the Grand Secretary's report is the matter of making a deed for the lot of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 441, now defunct, which was referred to

the Finance Committee. The Committee recommends that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be authorized to give a quit claim deed in their discretion.

Committee's report adopted.

J. J. PHOENIX: I would like to express the appreciation and gratefulness of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home for the substantial manifestation of the interest of this Grand Lodge represented by the appropriation last year. We are endeavoring to carry out the will of this Grand Lodge, which we know is to protect the old Mason or his dependent ones in North Carolina.

Bro. R. C. Dunn submitted the following report from Jurisprudence Committee, which was read and adopted:

To The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence recommends the adoption of the following resolution extending recognition to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico:

Whereas; this Grand Lodge in 1924 adopted a standard basis of recognition of foreign Grand Lodges, which is set out at length in the Proceedings of that year and again in the Proceedings of 1925, and it appearing that the York Grand Lodge of Mexico now complies with the standard set out in that basis of recognition.

Therefore, recognition is hereby extended to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. DUNN,

For Committee.

The Grand Master announced that he had appointed Past Grand Master J. LeGrand Everett to arrange for installation of officers and that Bro. A. B. Andrews would act as installing officer and Past Grand Master Royster as Grand Marshal.

The following officers were then installed:

M. . W. . J. E. CAMERON	-----	Grand Master
	Kinston	
R. . W. . J. H. ANDERSON	-----	Deputy Grand Master
	Fayetteville	
R. . W. . R. C. DUNN	-----	Senior Grand Warden
	Enfield	
R. . W. . J. J. PHOENIX	-----	Junior Grand Warden
	Greensboro	
R. . W. . B. R. LACY	-----	Grand Treasurer

Raleigh
 R.:W.:W. W. WILLSON-----*Grand Secretary*
 Raleigh

APPOINTED OFFICERS

REV. C. K. PROCTOR-----*Grand Chaplain*
 Rocky Mount
 W.:R. F. EDWARDS-----*Grand Lecturer*
 Crumpler, Rt. 1
 W.:A. J. HARRIS-----*Senior Grand Deacon*
 Henderson
 W.:E. W. TIMBERLAKE, JR.-----*Junior Grand Deacon*
 Wake Forest
 W.:B. S. ROYSTER, JR.-----*Grand Marshal*
 Oxford
 W.:J. W. WINBORNE-----*Grand Sword Bearer*
 Marion
 W.:H. C. ALEXANDER-----*Grand Pursuivant*
 Charlotte
 W.:P. T. WILSON-----*Grand Steward*
 Winston-Salem
 W.:ROY F. EBBS-----*Grand Steward*
 Asheville
 W.:W. D. TERRY-----*Grand Tiler*
 Raleigh

INSTALLATION PRAYER

(By Rev. W. E. Poovey, Associate Grand Chaplain)

Oh Lord, we stand with uncovered heads in Thy presence in this solemn hour to invoke Thy blessing upon these, who are receiving solemn obligations and responsibilities this morning. We invoke the spirit of our Father himself to guide and sanction in the plans that are carried out during this year and we ask it in His name.—Amen.

REV. C. C. WEAVER: Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Brethren: I want to say just a word, if your please, sir, not in response to what has been so well said, but a word in reference to the retiring Grand Master. I think I can speak with some authority. Perhaps you are not aware of the fact that in addition to the many qualities you have found in your Grand Master, that he has what we call in the mountains "the most taking ways" of any man in the State. He will take anything you offer him.

I saw him for three hours in the Winston Salem Lodge when they were trying to get him enough stuff to make him say "enough." When the last effort was made, he said: "Well, bring on your next." At that time I had the pleasure of presenting him with a watch with the hope that it would get him to church on time, but it did not. This morning I have the very delightful task, on behalf of this assemblage, of presenting to you, this jewel, this emblem of the office, the Past Grand Master's Jewel of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. I take pleasure in doing so, because I feel in my heart that you take your place with those men whose pictures surround us here, as a peer among them, the equal of the best. Therefore, sir, I am delighted to present this to you in the name of the Grand Lodge. (Applause.)

R. C. DUNN: Most Worshipful Sir: Long, faithful and well, in season and out of season, in fair weather and foul, you have served the interests of this great craft in this Grand Jurisdiction. Not as a reward for that service, but rather as a slight token of the appreciation of the craft for such service I am commissioned by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to present to you this apron of a Past Grand Master. I know that you will wear it as worthily, as well, and as faithfully as you have worn the apron of the office from which you have just retired. I note on it the words "Past Grand Master." To those of us who have known you best they do not convey the meaning of Past Grand Master, but rather: "Perfect gentleman" and as Past Grand Master and as Perfect Gentlemen, we present to you this apron. May you lay it up, when you are not wearing it, among the most treasured archives of your valued possessions, as a slight token of the love and affection of the Masons of North Carolina. (Applause.)

PAST GRAND MASTER CASH: As my pastor has just said, I take anything like that as soon as it is handed to me. I am still at my "taking ways." I am sorry that that watch has not helped me to attend church more regularly but if you had heard some of the dull sermons Bro. Charlie Weaver preaches you wouldn't blame me. (Laughter.) Brethren, I am very happy, happy in several ways. Perhaps the happiest because of the great honor you have conferred upon me in letting me try to serve the Grand Lodge. Very happy also that the stren-

uous days of 1925 and a few in 1926, are over and that I can go home and resume my normal avocation and have some real pleasure with those wonderful grandchildren of mine. I am happy to have served you. I have done my best. I have been indulging in a little retrospection and a little introspection, wondering what Masonry had done for me, and as I looked back I felt that it had been to a man of my nature, and of my temperament, just exactly what I needed for a stabilizer. I believe that Masonry has been that to me and I am very glad. I believe it has helped me in all the realms of life. I believe it has caused me to love my home more, to be a better father. I believe it has caused me to love my church more and try to serve that better. I believe it has made me a better citizen and I believe it has made me prouder to try to live a life with somewhat of character and of integrity in it, and I thank Masonry for doing that for me, and I thank you for all of these honors you have heaped upon me. I appreciate them. No man could appreciate them more, and I want to say that I believe during the years just passed, that I have received help from thousands and thousands of Masons, many of whom I knew and many of whom I did not know, and I wish to return thanks to all of them for the assistance they have given me in carrying out their work. I hope this good work will go on. I have tried to serve Masonry for exactly a generation. I hope the Good Lord will spare me a few years more. The other day George S. Norfleet and I shook hands and said we would be here at the Grand Lodge in 1927. I am very thankful and I know you have not anything else I may take. I am glad of the taking ways I have and if at any time you have anything further to present to me I will take pleasure in taking it. (Applause.)

The Grand Master announced the following appointments which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge:

Past Grand Master S. M. Gattis, member of Board of General Purposes for a term of five years to succeed himself.

S. N. Boyce member of the Board of Custodians for a term of three years to succeed himself.

Past Grand Master Leon Cash, member Board of Custodians to fill out the unexpired term of John E. Cameron, who resigned.

C. T. McClenaghan, Assistant Grand Secretary.

M. DeL. Haywood, Grand Historian.

Homer Peele, Grand Auditor.

W. C. Wicker, Educational Field Secretary.

R. H. Wright, Grand Orator.

Appointment of the following Committees by the Grand Master was announced by the Grand Secretary:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Jurisprudence—S. M. Gattis (71), W. E. Moore (268), R. C. Dunn (447), J. L. Delaney (261), E. W. Timberlake, Jr. (282), J. W. Winborne (237), B. S. Royster (396), W. H. S. Burgwyn (418), T. J. Harkins (118), C. B. Newcomb (1).

By-Laws—A. J. Harris (229).

Finance—A. B. Andrews (218), H. C. Alexander (31), P. T. Wilson (167), J. LeGrand Everett (495), W. Y. Warren (369), J. C. Hobbs, Jr. (1), Dr. Job Taylor (519), L. E. Green (259).

Oxford Orphanage—P. T. Wilson (167), H. G. Etheridge (118), R. A. Doughton (423), J. G. Hudson (576), R. J. Noble (84), R. K. Stewart (344), W. N. Sherrod (447), J. W. Hall (1).

Masonic and Eastern Star Home—Dr. J. S. Spurgeon, Chairman (71), J. B. Griggs (317), F. O. Steele, Jr. (530), R. D. Shore (167), R. E. Paschal (542).

Masonic Temple—W. S. Liddell (31), R. J. Noble (84), A. J. Harris (229), C. T. McClenaghan (218), Jas. H. Webb (71), S. M. Gattis (71), Geo. S. Norfleet (167), B. S. Royster (396), W. W. Willson (40), J. Bailey Owen (229), J. LeG. Everett (495), Harrison Kauffman (40).

Masonic Education—Dr. J. C. Braswell, Chairman (447), Dr. Job Taylor, Secretary (519), F. M. Pinnix (396), Geo. C. Cox (358), R. F. Ebbs (118), H. M. Poteat (282), J. Edward Allen (10),

Charters and Dispensations—R. F. Edwards (467), J. W. Patton (549), J. L. Nelson (217).

Committee on Appeals—Harry T. Paterson (3), H. H. Tate (237), W. S. Reich (454), H. M. Brandon (289), C. S. Chamberlain (4).

Proposition and Grievances—Geo. P. Burgwyn (56), B. E. Stanfield (172), C. P. Tyson (181), J. W. Hylton (167).

Committee on Credentials—F. Wm. E. Cullingford (31), J. E. W. Cook (1).

Committee on Charity—J. P. Pillsbury (218).

Unfinished Business—R. M. Hall (482), P. T. Harrington (629).

Necrology—F. D. Winston (5).

Masonic Loan Fund—J. E. Cameron, Chairman (243), Leon Cash (167), J. H. Gorrell, (282), J. H. Webb (71), R. H. Wright (78).

Foreign Correspondence—J. Edward Allen (10).

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Investigation of Lecturer Service—C. B. Newcomb (1), A. B. Andrews (218), J. H. Anderson (8), F. M. Pinnix (396), H. M. Poteat (282).

Historic Committee—A. B. Andrews (218), J. Edward Allen (10).

To Mark the Grave of Past Grand Master Smith—C. B. Newcomb (1), Chairman, C. Ed Taylor (249), T. E. Sprunt (319).

The minutes were read and approved.

Rev. J. W. Patton, Assistant Grand Lecturer offered the following invocation to Deity:

Our gracious Father in Heaven, we come to Thee reverently, devotedly and, we trust, in faith. We want to thank Thee for the privilege of coming to this Grand Lodge and for the spirit that has pervaded it, and we are glad, as we come to the closing hour, that we feel to such a great extent that we are under the leadership of the Divine Spirit, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, the Great God. And, we pray Thee now that Thou wilt follow us with Thy spirit and may we realize that Thou art Spirit and that Thou hast taught us in spirit and may we act in spirit, so that we may make this world brighter and better as we go down this way. We want to look forward, oh Father, to the time when we will be brought from the dead level to the living perpendicular. We want to be prepared for that time and Father, we pray Thee that as we go out to our several avocations that we will not forget our vocations and we want to realize the fact that only in theory do we speak of being brought from the dead level to the living perpendicular, but we thoroughly believe that time is coming and we look to it and pray that we may make the preparation, and do those things against the Great Day when the time comes and we want to draw upon the savings bank of service that we may come to Thee and Thou will in deed and in truth meet us with that great power. We pray Thee to bless the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge and may the Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction never withdraw the hand

that gives support and may be willing to go on foot all the way, even if the way be rough, that we may present more thoroughly the teachings of this Grand Institution, and we pray Thy blessing and love upon everyone. May we be bound together and cemented together and may love prevail in every heart and as we go out to our various places may we everywhere in our lives be an exponent of the teachings of this order, that we may demonstrate to the world its wonderful teachings, so that we may hold up that spiritual life, that concept of truth which will give us the leadership and the spirit of God. We pray Thy protection and that Thou will help us, Oh Lord God, so that some glad day, when we knock at the beautiful gate it may swing open on its golden hinge of love and that Thou will receive us into that House not made with hands Eternal in the Heavens.—Amen.

The business of the Grand Lodge having been concluded, it was then closed in ample form.



J. E. Cameron

Grand Master.

ATTEST:



Grand Secretary.

W. W. Willson, Masonic Temple, Raleigh, N. C.:

Please convey to Grand Lodge my sincere appreciation of telegram. It is so good to know that my beloved brethren have not forgotten me. I regret extremely that I could not be present with you this year as I had planned. My health greatly improved.

C. L. PRIDGEN, P.G.M.

(This telegram was received after adjournment of the Grand Lodge.)

*Special
Communications*

SALISBURY, N. C.

SALISBURY, N. C., June 1, 1925.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina convened in special communication in the Masonic Hall in Salisbury, at 3:00 o'clock p. m., and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges was represented.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. W. Leon Cash, Grand Master.
R. W. J. G. Hudson, as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. W. C. Taylor, as Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. Walter Carter, as Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. N. C. Quinn, as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. W. W. Willson, Grand Secretary.
Rev. J. F. McCuiston, Grand Chaplain.
W. J. E. Van Horn, as Grand Lecturer.
W. W. N. Pickens, as Grand Architect.
W. J. J. Phoenix, Senior Grand Deacon.
W. W. C. Maupin, as Junior Grand Deacon.
W. E. W. Timberlake, Jr., Grand Marshal.
W. W. F. Welborn, as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. G. M. Lysterly, as Grand Pursuivant.
W. W. D. Morgan, as Grand Steward.
W. W. T. Russell, as Grand Steward.
W. W. D. Terry, Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

E. B. Neave, Past Grand Marshal.

The following lodges were represented: Hiram Lodge, No. 40; Fulton Lodge, No. 99; Scotch-Ireland Lodge, No. 154; Winston Lodge, No. 167; Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218; Wake Forest Lodge, No. 282; Salem Lodge, No. 289; Spencer Lodge, No. 543; Revolution Lodge, No. 552; Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 576.

The Grand Master announced that this special communication was held for the purpose of laying the corner stone to the Boyden High School Building.

The procession was then formed by the Grand Marshal and the Grand Lodge proceeded in a body to the site where the building was in process of erection, where the corner stone was laid in due form according to Ancient Masonic Rite.

The following articles were placed in the Crypt:

Newspaper, High School Commencement Program, Program of the Day, list of High School Enrollment, list of Grand Lodge Officers, list of Officers of Fulton Lodge, list of Officers of Andrew Jackson Lodge.

The procession was then reformed and returned to the lodge room.

The minutes were read and approved.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge adjourned in ample form.

LEON CASH,
Grand Master.

Attest:

W. W. WILLSON,
Grand Secretary.

OXFORD, N. C.

OXFORD, N. C., June 24, 1925.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons convened in special communication in the Masonic Hall on the Orphanage grounds at Oxford, on Wednesday, June 24, A. D. 1925, at 12:00 o'clock m., and was opened in ample form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges was represented.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. F. McCuiston, Grand Chaplain.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.:W.:Leon Cash, Grand Master.
R.:W.:J. F. Jeffreys, as Deputy Grand Master.
R.:W.:J. H. Anderson, Senior Grand Warden.
R.:W.:R. C. Dunn, Junior Grand Warden.
R.:W.:Richard S. Gorham, as Grand Treasurer.
R.:W.:W. W. Willson, Grand Secretary.
Rev. J. F. McCuiston, Grand Chaplain.
W.:R. F. Edwards, Grand Lecturer.
W.:J. J. Phoenix, Senior Grand Deacon.
W.:A. J. Harris, Junior Grand Deacon.
W.:E. W. Timberlake, Jr., Grand Marshal.
W.:B. S. Royster, Jr., Grand Sword Bearer.
W.:W. C. Wicker, as Grand Pursuivant.
W.:E. G. Cashion, as Grand Steward.

W. P. T. Wilson, Grand Steward.
W. W. D. Terry, Grand Tiler.
W. C. T. McClenaghan, Asst. Grand Secretary.
W. M. DeL. Haywood, Grand Historian.
W. Homer Peele, Grand Auditor.
W. J. R. Jester, Grand Orator.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

A. B. Andrews, J. Bailey Owen, B. S. Royster.

The following lodges were represented: Charity Lodge, No. 5; Phoenix Lodge, No. 8; Hiram Lodge, No. 40; Concord Lodge, No. 58; Eagle Lodge, No. 71; Neuse Lodge, No. 97; Wayne Lodge, No. 112; Person Lodge, No. 113; Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 143; Adoniram Lodge, No. 149; Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158; Winston Lodge, No. 167; George Washington Lodge, No. 174; Mecklenburg Lodge, No. 176; Roanoke Lodge, No. 203; Berea Lodge, No. 204; Eno Lodge, No. 210; Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218; Henderson Lodge, No. 229; Shiloh Lodge, No. 250; Green Level Lodge, No. 277; Wake Forest Lodge, No. 282; Greenville Lodge, No. 284; Salem Lodge, No. 289; Evergreen Lodge, No. 303; Durham Lodge, No. 352; Seaboard Lodge, No. 378; Granville Lodge, No. 380; Tally Ho Lodge, No. 393; Oxford Lodge, No. 396; Center Lodge, No. 398; Bula Lodge, No. 409; Henry F. Grainger Lodge, No. 412; Crumpler Lodge, No. 467; Creedmoor Lodge, No. 499; Widow's Son Lodge, No. 519; Williams Lodge, No. 538; Corinthian Lodge, No. 542; Mt. Holly Lodge, No. 544; Elon Lodge, No. 549; Neil S. Stewart Lodge, No. 556; Doric Lodge, No. 568; Zebulon Lodge, No. 609; Round Peak Lodge, No. 616; John H. Mills Lodge, No. 624; Goldsboro Lodge, No. 634; Yadkin Falls Lodge, No. 637.

On motion of Past Grand Master B. S. Royster, the Grand Secretary was instructed to send a message of sympathy to Hon. John E. Cameron, Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master announced that the communication was called for the purpose of observing the usual ceremonies of St. John's Day.

The Grand Marshal then formed the Grand Lodge into procession and they proceeded to the stand where the following exercises were observed:

Prayer by Grand Chaplain, J. F. McCuiston.

Hymn—"Whosoever Meaneth Me."

Bro. J. A. Taylor delivered the following address of Welcome:

*Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters,
Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

The time has again come when we are met here to celebrate another anniversary, and the honor and pleasure of welcoming you to this great institution and in our city which is ever so proud of being the home of this institution, has fallen to me. To me has been delegated the delightful office of extending to you the glad hand of welcome and fellowship on behalf of these four hundred young people, their Superintendent and officers, the Oxford Lodge, No. 396, A. F. & A. M., and the city of Oxford, and to say to you that they are happy to have you with them today. These boys and girls are always happy on this occasion when their friends and benefactors come back to see them. They know that your hearts are always with them, but they look forward to this day from year to year when they are permitted to look into your faces and see their happiness is your happiness.

Sometimes I wonder if the individuals of the Masonic Fraternity fully realize the magnitude and magnificence of the work they are doing—if they realize the fact that for the past fifty odd years they have been responsible for the physical, mental, and spiritual training and development of thousands of North Carolina's young boys and girls. This responsibility, to my mind, is one of the most beautiful and at the same time most serious, that any body of men could possibly undertake—the care, custody, and training of young bodies and souls. I do not mean to startle those individuals by calling this grave responsibility to their attention, nor do I mean to intimate anything other than the fact that this responsibility has been met in most glorious manner. Scattered to the four corners of this great Commonwealth and into other parts of the world are living and enduring evidences which testify to that fact—men and women who have gone out into the world equipped for real and useful citizenship, and imbued with that spirit of goodness and honesty and truth which has in the past borne them up and will continue to support them in the high places of the world.

The Oxford Orphanage was founded in the year of 1872. These grounds belonged to The Grand Lodge of North Carolina even before that time. They had been used since about 1855 for what was then known as Saint John's College. But in 1872, after quite a discussion, it was decided by the Grand Lodge, (Grand Master Nichols casting the deciding vote) to establish an Orphanage here for needy boys and girls, and Mr. John H. Mills was made its first Superintendent, and given an appropriation of \$500.00 and told to start business. The Orphanage has grown and expanded until now this property is worth at least three-quarters of a million dollars.

Recent development and expansion is due largely to the progressiveness and far-sightedness of the Superintendent, Mr. Brown, and the Board of Directors. The cottages have been enlarged, not for the purpose primarily of crowding in more children, but for the purpose of giving them more room, more air, and individual beds to themselves.

The new school building, which should be completed in time for the fall term, is a gift from the Grand Lodge, costing approximately \$85,000.00. The building and its equipment will be modern in every detail, showing the fraternity's determination to give the children the very best. By having this new school building it will be possible to convert the main building into a dormitory, thereby enlarging the capacity from a normal capacity of 375 to 410 children. These additional thirty-five children's care and training will entail an additional expense of approximately \$10,000.00 annually.

In addition to the new school building, the Orphanage now has one the most modern and up-to-date new hospitals in the State,—another gift from the Masons, costing \$100,000.00, more or less. I might say here that the business men of Oxford equipped the operating room at the cost of \$2,500.00, while the dental equipment was donated by the Charlotte Commandery, No. 2.

Furthermore, the Orphanage maintains and operates a printing department which not only trains the boys in this line of work, but which turns out a vast amount of commercial work each year. There is also a very modern and complete electrical department which is giving the boys most excellent expert training in addition to doing quite a bit of commercial work. Then too, there is the shoe shop wherein most of the children's shoes are made,

and other departments too numerous to mention, all of which furnish the children training which is fitting them for their places in the world.

This Orphanage does not limit itself to caring for the children of Masonic parentage. On the other hand, I believe I am perfectly safe in saying that never have more than twenty-five per cent of the children's parents been Masons. The first and main consideration in taking a child in is: is he or she in need.

I might go on indefinitely telling you about what is being done here, but my time is limited. I do want to say this, however, that every Mason in North Carolina, no matter where he lives, should make it his business to come here at least once every year and see for himself just what this institution is doing.

Now in conclusion, let me again say that we are happy to have you with us; that we are always glad to see you; and we trust that from year to year as you return to this city to visit these your own children by adoption, that you may be able to see even more development and expansion, and that your hearts may continue to beat with a quickened throb as the realization of your efforts unfolds itself and shows to you in terms unmistakable the beautiful reality of this home which not only justifies the immortal fraternity of which we are a part, but exalts it even to the very heavens.

The Address of Welcome was responded to by H. M. Poteat, Past Grand Master.

Hymn—"The Touch of His Hand on Mine."

Hon R. C. Dunn, Junior Grand Warden, introduced Rev. Dr. J. R. Jester of Winston-Salem, who delivered the following address:

It is a beautiful custom to meet on Saint John's Day at Oxford, the Mecca of North Carolina Masons. For many years this place has held a unique place among us. The corner stone of St. John's College was laid June 24, 1855. After being operated for a few years the college was closed in 1861 by reason of the war between the States. Following the war it was reopened for a brief space of time, but finally closed in 1871. At the Grand Lodge in December 1872, a motion was made to dispose of the property and invest the proceeds in a Masonic temple. It was then that John H. Mills offered a substi-

tute motion that it be converted into a Masonic Orphanage. When a tie vote was cast, John Nichols, Grand Master, cast the deciding vote, which gave North Carolina its first orphanage, and thereby founded a Masonic Institution which has cared for nearly four thousand dependent children, and stands today one of the greatest assets in the life of our Commonwealth. Has not the time arrived when the name of Grand Master John Nichols should be honored either in a fitting monument, arch, or building located upon these grounds, which shall tell to coming generations that North Carolina Masons have not forgotten him whose decisive vote blazed the pathway in North Carolina, not only for Masons but for all others, in rendering a lasting service to orphaned childhood?

We, Americans, above all other people seem to have a voracious hunger for public speaking, when we gather to eat, smoke, and listen to some speaker show the eagle or scrape the stars. A school boy defined elocution as "a new way of putting people to death, since hanging has gone out of fashion." It is my desire, not to deliver an oration but to speak to you today simply and directly about some matters that should concern us as Masons and citizens.

WHAT IS MASONRY?

"What is Masonry, daddy?" was a question asked me the other day by one of my own children. This is not only a natural question, but one that every Mason should be able to answer. Masonry has been defined as "a beautiful system of morality veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbol," which to the initiated may be a satisfactory statement, but to those without it carries but little meaning. The best appraisalment of the character and worth of Freemasonry by those without will be made from what is seen in the outward lives of Masons, the spirit which actuates them, and the worth while tasks which they attempt for promoting human brotherhood, relieving distress, and in advancing moral and social uplift in all the world about them. To meet this acid test Masonry must be alive to its obligations and take seriously its tasks.

There is always a danger in having our emotions and finer sensibilities aroused unless we shall go away with a firm purpose to merge these feelings into reality. There are wonderful lessons in the lodge concerning

fidelity, the end of life, and the hope of immortality. Who can forget the high moral teachings of the chapter and council? Any one who has taken the commandery degrees will not fail to see their high Christian significance. The fine dramatic work of the Scottish rite is replete with lessons of the highest import, teachings that probe one to the depths, and set forth noble ideals. But what shall any or all of these amount to in the lives of any, if they are regarded as gorgeous pageantry rather than as vital principles, which are to result in the incarnation of that spirit which will produce noble and enduring Character? The need of the State is for men of patriotism and unimpeachable integrity; the need of the churches is for one hundred per cent Christians; and the need of our lodges is for honest-to-goodness Masons, whose sacred obligations at the Masonic Altar are regarded as binding in the fullest sense, and whose daily conduct is squared and circumscribed by these eternal principles.

ANTIQUITY OF MASONRY

Masonic principles root themselves in the dim vistas of antiquity, and are found anew in the heart cry of every succeeding generation. We usually think of Masonry in three stages,—Operative, Speculative and Applied.

Operative Masonry has left its definite impress both on ancient civilizations and those that are extant today. Europe is resplendent with noble architecture, the contribution of Operative Masonry, whose poems of stone and anthems of marble still witness to the truth of our history. These architects were given the right to pass from city to city in the pursuit of their task, and came to be known as Freemasons. Dwelling often in lodges erected near the place where they wrought, other worthy men were permitted to join their craft, hence the term Acceptable was added. In the days of Operative Masonry in practically every country the Mason stood a bit higher than the average individual. They recognized the responsibility of protecting the good name of the craft. The Master Mason impressed the sign of the lion's paw upon his work, to prove it was genuine, but this did not appear upon any that fell below the standard. Only the prepared and well qualified man could hope to enter the lodge. Let modern Masonry get well this lesson, at a

time when our organization is riding upon the high tide of popular favor. There is nothing more important to us just now than that the lodges shall be so thoroughly tiled that only the duly and truly prepared and trust-worthy to the *nth* degree, shall be accorded entrance; men whose private and public life will stand the test of the square. The lambskin apron should ever mean to us a higher dignity than any decoration bestowed by prince or potentate, and should never be besmirched by unworthy conduct.

Speculative Masonry has given to all lands its struggles and sacrifices for liberty and fraternity among men, having dedicated itself to freeing men from the bondage of tyranny, and the slavery of ignorance. Its cry has ever been for "more light" and its purpose is to exemplify outside the lodge the principles taught within the building of enduring Character upon the foundation of truth, the only hope for both men and nations. A Mason is one who is building up within himself a viewless temple. In this temple fortitude, prudence, temperance and justice will always accord to others what is asked for oneself. Masonry asks no favor for itself, only a fair field on which to exemplify its truth.

Marvelous has been the growth of Freemasonry since 1717, when the Grand Lodge of England was founded. We are told that Masonry existed in this country at Newport in 1658, and that there was a gathering of Masons in Philadelphia in 1715. In North Carolina Masonry dates back 170 years to Masonboro, near Wilmington. Today there are about three million Masons in the United States. We are proud to be recognized as Masons. All of these are obligated to observe certain standards of conduct, exemplify certain social virtues, adhere to certain civic ideals, and at all times to stand for certain patriotic principles. To take these obligations seriously means a great force for righteousness, sufficient to eradicate much of present day evils and perils. To cause men to thus seriously regard their obligations is our problem. Are we not in danger of satisfying conscience by voting large sums for charitable purposes, rather than in exercising ourselves to promote the higher ends of life? The nation that forgets God and the moral law is doomed. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." As goes the individual so goes the nation.

Applied Masonry finds its expression in many of the free institutions of America and other lands. That men are created free with inalienable rights is a conviction that expelled the divine right of tyrants to rule, and this was received at Masonic Altars. It was this doctrine that brought forth our nation. Sentiments taken from the utterances of Worshipful Masters in Colonial days by such persons as Samuel Adams, Patrick Henry, James Otis, Paul Revere, Joseph Warren, Peyton Randolph, and John Hancock, which taught men to think, speak, teach, worship and frame laws, found expression in the Declaration of Independence, without which it would never have been written as it was. Among the signers of the immortal document fifty of the fifty-six were Masons. All governors of the thirteen original colonies were Masons. Washington had twenty-nine Major Generals, of whom twenty-five were Masons; and of the sixty Brigadier Generals, fifty-nine were Masons. The four Majors Generals and the one Brigadier General who were not Masons gave him no end of trouble, and later he refused to have any important officer who was not a Mason. When he became President, practically every person appointed to high office was a Mason. This was not done by reason of favoritism but because of meritorious service in freeing the nation. The preamble to our Constitution is likewise the embodiment of Masonic ideals. John Marshall, a Mason, was its ablest interpreter, and since his day Masons have been its best defenders against the machinations of despots and the scheming of anarchists. Thus again without the sound of hammer has been builded a temple of justice and refuge, in which the spirit of Masonry has found a reincarnation.

MASONRY'S MISSION

With this noble past has Masonry still a mission? We believe that it has and it will fulfill such mission in four ways:

1. *The Noblest Patriotism.*

There have been but two conceptions of government in the past, there are but two today, and there will be but two in the future. One is that there are those who rule by right of blood and birth,—hence by Divine right, which leads to autocracy and centralized government. The other is government by the expressed will of the

governed, when the rulers are the servants of the people. These conceptions have been age long and world wide. Garibaldi, Mazzini, Victor Emmanuel II, Jaurez, LaFayette and Washington, all saw Masonic light, and took their stand upon the side of human liberty. In the defense of this principle in our country Masons have taken their place in every great testing hour. In the wars of 1776, 1812, 1845, 1861, 1898 and 1917,— when four million young Americans were mustered into service for the defence of human liberty,— Masons have had a foremost place.

It is easy, however, to be moved by patriotism in the hour of national crisis, when the tocsin of war has aroused us to action, but there is a greater patriotism that asserts itself in times of peace, when great moral issues are involved, which demand spiritual force for their solution. We are to guard against the sinister forces of socialism, communism and anarchy which are seeking to wriggle their way into American life and institutions for their overthrow. We are to serve our country in time of peace as well as in time of war. Many Americans need Americanizing. We are making Americanism too cheap and are permitting radicalism, bolshevism, the I. W. W.'s and every other traitorous element to ply their infernal teaching without facing deportation or the firing squad. Well did Roosevelt say: "This Country is large enough for but one flag, and that is the American flag." We need to tell the world that this country is going to be run with respect for law and order under the Constitution by Americans.

A Mason, whether of the Blue Lodge or Shrine, should be the last man to defy our Constitution, or any of its amendments, whether the first or the eighteenth. Some months ago the great ship Leviathan became stuck in the mud off Staten Island. Twenty tugs attached their lines but for seven hours their power added to that of the ship's own propellers was insufficient to budge it from its fastness. Then relief came. The incoming tide lifted it from its mooring, and sent it onward to the harbor. We need a rising tide of stalwart, moral patriotism, that shall lift us from the *slough of lawlessness* and send us onward to our appointed destiny. Masons should have in this a conspicuous part. In the present hour when our civilization is being tested, no man can be in reality hailed as a genuine Mason who fails to take his rightful

stand upon the side of patriotic citizenship and in the support of our Constitution, the very bulwark of American liberties.

2. *Universal intelligence.*

Thomas Jefferson said "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility to every form of tyranny over the human mind." Light, truth, wisdom and intelligence form the Masons's desire, and become the foundation stones of any free nation. Popular government must rest on popular intelligence, and is dangerous when directed by the ignorant. The enemies of our government know that its hope lies in the free public school system uncontrolled by sectarian influence. The pillars of Masonry are free thought, free speech, free school, free press and free religion. The free school is the keystone of the arch. In this as in other matters, Masonry must stand for something or stand adjourned. In the past it has been the champion of freedom, justice and right, and has given battle to bigotry, despotism, ignorance, superstition and fear.

Against Roman Catholicism, as a *religion*, Masonry wages no war, granting to all men the right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience. Against Romanism as a political system, which is seeking to overthrow the public school system, and make of this country a western province of the Pope, it will give battle until the last day of time. Rome threw down the gauntlet in the papal edict of Clement XII in 1738, and in the edicts of succeeding popes down to that of Pius X in 1911, by which all Masons were excluded from that church, and Masonry was anathematized. This was due solely to the fact that the principles supported by Masonry and the Catholic Church are diametrically opposed the one to the other. This fight will go on, for the boast of Rome is that she never changes. Mediæval theology and mediæval education have no place in the twentieth century. For popular enlightenment, please God, Masons will stand even more aggressively than in the past, and will give battle to any foe from any quarter that seeks to foist upon America the shackles of superstition, or prevent the advance of wider education.

3. *Human brotherhood.*

Masonry stands for human brotherhood, and the rights of the ordinary man. Here one is not favored be-

cause of wealth, rank or station. It is not a rich man's club or one that offers a passport to political power. Its doors are never closed against a worthy man. To be a Mason a man must be made one first in his own heart and lacking this all the degrees cannot affect it. In promoting this brotherhood the oily tongue of slander is silenced, malice and envy are buried, and the mantle of charity is thrown over one's failings when it is right to do so. A brother is recognized wherever found. This Institution proclaims to all that the sorrows of orphaned children become our own, and human kindness surges as a mighty tide within Masonic hearts.

4. *Spiritual realities.*

Fundamental among Masonic beliefs is the fact that Masonry esteems God as the Chief Good, and essential to every undertaking. To be a Masons one must affirm his belief in God, and is taught to rely upon God in the face of every trial and danger. In this teaching there is no half way ground.

The great Light of Masonry is the word of God, which rests upon every Masonic altar, without which there could be no lodge. When people become indifferent to religion and spiritual realities, you will find them low in morals, and with disregard for law. "He who sneers at religion stones the prophets of progress." Atheism means anarchy. The atheist is the enemy of society and the blight upon civilization.

Newspapers, magazines and statesmen have been telling us that God alone is the foundation upon which we can build a reconstructed society. We do not wonder that the President of the Montana Bankers' Association in sending an invitation to a distinguisher speaker to address that body, requested him to speak of God, saying that there must be a spiritual foundation for business and material progress.

Masonry is not and does not claim to be a religion. It is only the handmaid of religion. Every one who would substitute it for religion is not only perverting its teachings, but is making a fatal blunder. Its teachings when followed will lead one to give heed to spiritual realities, and to find rest of soul through God's plan of redemptive grace, which plan is revealed alone in the Great Light which rests upon every Masonic Altar. Masonry is not

sufficient of itself to save the immortal soul, for that is the work of God.

WHAT IS IT TO BE A MASON?

To be a Mason is it to take the obligation, wear the apron and be hailed as a brother? Yes, it is this but more. Is it to be regarded as a "good fellow" at banquets and hold social fellowship with one's brothers? It is all this but more. Is it to interest one's self in needy widows and defenseless orphans of our brethren and others? It is this but more. Is it to be intelligent in Masonic lore, to appreciate the dignity of our Order and give to our country a patriotic citizenship? Yes, it is all these but infinitely more. It is to be a man, clean, upright, alert, outspoken, sincere, tolerant of the honest conviction of others, with a love of the beautiful, and possessed with the spirit of adoration for all that is true and Divine, this will mean winsome Masonry. Possessed of this spirit, we shall prepare the way for God's Kingdom on earth. To do this, we, ourselves, must be reborn men.

God has given to American Masonry a place of world leadership. We dare not fail for that would be to default when our brethren of other lands are looking to us for guidance, as the light bearers of truth for the emancipation of all mankind.

Going through Flanders field on a summer day where

"The poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row."

there is one line of that immortal poem that dings itself continually in one's ears—

"If ye break faith with us who die."

That appeal is applicable to American Masonry. Our heroic fathers in Masonry toiled on through sacrifice and blood to transmit to us the heritage of Masonic freedom, and from falling hands threw us the torch that we might lift it high. By faith they saw the day of triumph from afar. Shall we to them be faithless, as unworthy sons of noble sires, or heroically take up our task and "carry on" for the uplift of society and the blessing of all the world?

ENFIELD, N. C.

ENFIELD, N. C., December 2, 1925.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina met special communication in the Masonic Temple in the town of Enfield at 2 o'clock p. m., and was opened in due form, it appearing that a constitutional number of lodges was represented.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M.:W.:J. H. Anderson, as Grand Master.
R.:W.:A. B. Andrews, as Deputy Grand Master.
R.:W.:F. B. Crowson, as Senior Grand Warden.
R.:W.:R. C. Dunn, Junior Grand Warden.
R.:W.:Geo. R. Bennett, as Grand Treasurer.
R.:W.:W. W. Willson, Grand Secretary.
Rev. Geo. H. Johnson, as Grand Chaplain.
W.:A. E. Akers, as Grand Lecturer.
W.:J. J. Phoenix, Senior Grand Deacon.
W.:A. J. Harris, Junior Grand Deacon.
W.:Job Taylor, as Grand Marshal.
W.:R. T. Daniel, as Grand Sword Bearer.
W.:J. W. Payne, as Grand Pursuivant.
W.:H. S. Corey, as Grand Steward.
W.:J. P. Pippen, as Grand Steward.
W.:W. N. Sherrill, as Grand Tiler.

The Grand Master announced that this communication was called for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Temple.

The Temple was then dedicated with the usual ritualistic services, the following program being carried out:

Address to Masons and Visitors by Past Grand Master Francis D. Winston, Master of Ceremonies:

Our program tells us that "Felicitations from the town of Enfield" will later on be extended by His Honor, the Mayor.

It is fair to assume that he will express the real joy Enfield experiences at having this handsome crowd here.

The Mayor may waive all modesty and candidly tell us how delighted we should be at being here. He could truthfully do so and violate no proprieties.

Be particular my brethren, for I am sure the Mayor's felicitations were placed well down on the program for a

purpose, and in order that he might have time to take stock of us, to try us out to see whether he shall give us a "God Speed" or a "Commitment." I am glad the program contains no Address of Welcome. You will note that I have no subject assigned me. That leaves me free to talk on the things not specially assigned to others.

If I were welcoming this host of visitors, to the gay capital of France, I should use the bright and airy Parisienne, "Bon Jour, Messieurs."

If I were welcoming this host of visitors to the phlegmatic capitol of Germany, I should use the dull and uninviting Berlinesse, "Wie Gehts, Meinheers."

But as I am welcoming you to Enfield, in North Carolina, I use the homely, openhearted, all embracing and expressive Tar Heel vernacular and say, "Howdy. Git down and come in. Hang up your hats and make yourselves at home."

Our reciprocal situation recalls narrative of one of England's Court Jesters. In the royal days of Merrie England the Court Jester and Fool was a necessary appendage of every Court. The dwarf Geoffrey was the best known of that strange company. On one occasion, by order, he was excluded from the royal council chamber. He was eager to gain admittance and tried every expedient to reach the royal presence. He finally resorted to the ruse of breaking down the door and of trusting to his wits to extricate him from the dilemma. He rushed the door and it flew open and he fell sprawling at the Queen's feet. The Queen indignantly ordered him to rise and give an account of his unseemly conduct. Geoffrey was a hideous misshapen dwarf. Her Majesty was no beauty. "I have two excellent reasons for my conduct," replied the dwarf; "the first is that I might behold your gracious Majesty's most beautiful face," and then he hesitated; and being ordered by the Queen to give his second reason, with horrible grimace and awkward bow he replied, "in order that your Majesty might have the great pleasure of seeing me." And with that he took a seat at the Council table. Really we are here that we may have the great pleasure of seeing Enfield with its progress, its beautiful homes, its splendid men and women, and its hospitality. If good Enfield demands a further and better reason then I shall take my cue from Geoffrey and declare that we have come in order that Enfield may have the great honor of seeing us.

We are today in Masonry's Mecca, within its very citadel. This magnificent structure, with its holy furniture, its priestly vestments and ornamentation, its allegoric veils, its emblematic banners, its various compartments, its holy altar, is this day to be dedicated to the service of the Ever Living God, and to the uplifting of His children and to the upbuilding of a greater and better North Carolina. As we stand here for this beautiful and appropriate ceremonial, we cast our thoughts backwards through the centuries to that first Temple, erected by the wisest Master Mason, with its harmonious and beautiful proportions, its exquisite and shapely columns, its rare tracery and devices, its elegant and choicest ornaments, its crypts, its naves, its arches, its porches, its sacred precincts. We are not here building in imitation of that structure.

But in the eternal verities of life, in that Masonry which the ancients never knew;

Masonry of hand to hand, and heart to heart in,
Masonic Love that sacred spirit
Which kindly weighs a brother's merit,
That leads mankind in paths of peace
And causes social discords cease,
Uplifts the weak, represses the strong
Gives ear to truth, hushes error's song
And in the bonds of doing good
Joins mankind in one Brotherhood;

in that Masonry the world today is full to overflowing and the twentieth century Masonry is nearing its God appointed mission. In this day our newer duties are clear and impelling.

In the turmoil and confusion of nations, in the inhuman butchery of innocent women and children, in the vandal destruction of art and treasure, of cathedral and asylum, in the cruel wars that are shaking civilization to its very foundations; in the lawlessness which stalks unpunished and unafraid in high places, and sits on our very doorsteps; in the misery and want of the world, there is a clarion call to Masonry in its vital fundamentals and to answer that call in the real spirit of Masonry is the duty of Masons the world over. To the solutions of the world's problems in war and peace we hear myriad voices calling to our ancient institution. A century ago Masonry was not equipped for that stupendous task. Today Masonry faces that task armed at every point;

and willing and eager Masonry is bending low to catch the welcomed whisper of want, the cry of distress from every land, and all peoples. When within the last two centuries Masonry "The Free and Accepted" wrote another inscription and emblazed upon its banner. "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man" the world stood amazed. It was the proclaiming of a new sun in Love's constellation. The world rejoiced, save the tyrants who feared and trembled. They had long kept the mass of mankind in the darkness and servility of ignorance, and had long lorded it over man and his divine heritage.

Freemasonry then proclaimed itself to be, and ever since has been, a universal "Fellowship." That is its crowning glory today. It knows no distinctions among men, but those of worth, merit and character. It rests upon the equality of man in his inherent and inalienable rights. Its great aim is the amelioration, and betterment in all things of the individual, of the family, of the community, of the State, of the Nation, of the human race, the world over.

Its fitness for this mighty task comes from its basic constitution. Freemasonry is a system of human culture. It inspires a desire for, inculcates a knowledge of and teaches a use of the liberal arts and sciences. It is therefore, fully equipped and prompt to aid in the complete education of all people without distinction of race, creed or color.

Freemasonry is peculiar in its system of morality, which is beautiful unique and of itself. It distills and enforces the sacred duties of brotherly love, relief and truth; of prudence, temperance, fortitude and justice; of benevolence, beneficence, and charity; of forbearance and love; of gratitude and mercy; of patriotism loyalty, peaceableness, and tolerance; of honor, honesty and fidelity; of diligence, courtesy and regard for the weal and woe of others; of self care and self culture; and in all things to do unto others as they would be done by and not to do to others what they would not have done to themselves. Freemasonry is therefore the ever present and helping hand maiden of Religion.

Freemasonry is a social institution. We call from labor to refreshment. There temperance presides. Polite courtesy, pleasing address, and social intercourse are cultivated, the bonds of friendship are strengthened

and to the refreshment of the body are joined the feast of reason and the flow of soul. Freemasonry is, therefore, fitted to lead and direct in an ideal social state.

Freemasonry is a system of willing obedience and of rightful rule. Cheerful, lawful obedience and rightful, beneficent rule have in Freemasonry the noblest union and fruction. Its written and its unwritten laws are based upon essential and inherent rights. Evil is an incident; good is eternal. In the jurisdiction of the craft law equity and human weal are indissolubly united. Freemasonry does not palliate or aggregate offences, it judges with candor, admonishes with friendship and reproaches with mercy. Its mission is peace, progress and prosperity. Freemasonry is, therefore, fitted to lead in citizenship; in law enforcement, in protecting rights of men, of states, and of nations.

Freemasonry is based upon immutable truth and right. It knows not the chances and shifts of expediency and opportunism. It is as unmoved as the rock upon which the tempest tossed waves of ocean beat in vain. It stands firm as the pyramids. It is as benign and placid as the Sphynx. It is, therefore, a strong support of a fixed and stable government based upon written law. American Freemasonry has been foremost as the conservator and mainstay of human freedom and of all the rights of men. Some one has said that Freemasonry was a system of human philosophy. It is a school of learning, a college of builders, a home among brethren. To the artist and the artisan; to the poet and the philosopher; to the theorist and utilitarian; to the speculative and operative; to the man of affairs and the savant; to the prince and the peasant, to the ruler and the ruled, to the resident and the traveler, to the old, the middle aged and the youth, Freemasonry is alike congenial, instructive and beneficent.

There we all meet upon the level, work and act upon the plumb and part upon the square. The grand mission of Freemasonry is peace, prosperity, uprightness, enlightenment and unlimited good will.

These were its tenets in the years of the Revolution; in the days of the Declaration of Independence, in the months of building the Constitution. In those essential of Americanism Freemasonry guided, the hopes, thoughts and acts of a majority of the patriots in these labors. Those are its tenets in these days of unrest and

disorder. As it served the nation well in those days of war and want and trial, so it stands ready to serve it now and always in these no less important days of Peace.

Song—"America."

Presentation of Temple — R. C. Dunn, Chairman Building Committee.

Acceptance of Temple for Enfield Lodge, No. 447—H. C. Durham, Worshipful Master.

Acceptance of Temple for Enfield Chapter, No. 52, Royal Arch Masons—Watson N. Sherrod, High Priest.

Acceptance of Temple for Roanoke Council, No. 1—W. T. Ransone, Illustrious Master.

Acceptance of Temple for St. Aldemar Commandery, No. 12, Knights Templar—Dr. Job Taylor, Eminent Commander.

Acceptance of Temple for Joseph Montfort Lodge of Perfection, No. 3—Hugh Corey, Venerable Master.

Acceptance of Temple for William R. Davie Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 4—Joseph P. Pippen, Wise Master.

Felicitations from Town of Enfield—Allan W. Andleton, Mayor.

Greetings from the Masonry of Halifax County—Sterling M. Gary, Past Master.

Greetings from the Valley of New Bern—Harry T. Patterson, Past Master.

Greetings from the Valley of Wilmington—Charles B. Newcomb, Past Master.

Greetings from the Valley of Raleigh.

Greetings from The Grand Lodge of North Carolina—Leon Cash, Grand Master.

Greetings from the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, R. A. M.—Jas. W. Payne, Grand High Priest.

Greetings from the Grand Council of North Carolina, R. and S. M.—William R. Smith, Thrice Illustrious Grand Master.

Greetings from the Grand Commandery of North Carolina, K. T.—Fred B. Crowson, Deputy Grand Commander.

Greetings from Scottish Rite Masonry in North Carolina—Thomas J. Harkins, Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

There being no further business the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

JOHN H. ANDERSON,
Acting Grand Master.

Attest:

W. W. WILLSON,
Grand Secretary.

RUTHERFORDTON, N. C.

RUTHERFORDTON, N. C., January 12, 1926.

Called meeting of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

M. W. J. W. Winborne, as Grand Master.
R. W. J. B. Miller, as Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. J. H. Carpenter, as Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. J. C. Williams, as Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. G. E. Hill, as Senior Grand Deacon.
R. W. H. F. Maness, as Junior Grand Deacon.
R. W. J. P. Lewis, as Grand Treasurer.
R. W. J. L. Robinson, as Grand Secretary.
Rev. J. S. Wood, as Grand Chaplain.
W. J. W. Whitesides, as Grand Steward.
W. R. E. Price, as Grand Steward.
W. J. W. Edwards, as Grand Pursuivant.
W. J. Y. Yelton, as Grand Sword Bearer.
W. W. J. Bean, as Grand Marshal.
W. O. H. Hill, as Grand Tiler.
W. C. T. Shytle, as Grand Architect.

The following lodges were represented: Western Star Lodge, No. 91; Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 237; Forest City Lodge, No. 381; Cliffside Lodge, No. 512.

The following brethren were present: J. B. Long, M. L. Morrow, J. S. Walls, G. W. Hill, C. A. Erwin, T. J. Stone, Frank Robinson, J. H. Hill, S. K. Yelton, Isaac Williams, J. E. McFarland, J. L. McMahan, C. S. Royster, W. C. Davis, T. B. Morris, J. P. Bean, J. T. York, E. N. Biggerstaff, W. F. Carroll, O. D. Morrow, Watson Clark, A. W. Falvey, R. E. Carpenter, C. S. McColl, G. C. McBrayer, F. G. Padgett, O. C. Smith.

Lodge was open in form. The Grand Master stated that this meeting was called for the purpose of laying corner stone of the new Court House of Rutherford County.

Lodge was called from labor to refreshment and ceremonies of the laying of the corner stone were held at the Court House in ancient form.

Members returned to lodge room and lodge was called from refreshment to labor. After a few short talks lodge was closed in due form.

J. W. WINBORNE,

Acting Grand Master.

Attest:

J. L. ROBINSON,

Acting Grand Secretary.

REPORTS OF
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand
Lodge of North Carolina:*

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:

Owing to business pressure, I have delayed making my report of the condition of Masonry in the Second Masonic District, (for which I beg your pardon), but I will endeavor to make a partial report now. I have visited all the lodges in the district but three. The reason for my failing to visit those were as follows: Carolina Lodge, No 171, Colerain, N. C., did not reply to my request for a date of convenience. Weather conditions kept me from visiting Wiscan Lodge No. 240, Harrellsville, N. C. I went to Davie Lodge, No. 39, Roxobel, N. C., on the date of appointment. There were but five present. I have visited Aulander Lodge, No. 516, Aulander, N. C. and Luke McGlaughan Lodge, No. 504, Ahoskie, N. C., and John C. Britton Lodge, No. 653, Powellsville, N. C., several times during the year. I do not consider Masonry in a very flourishing condition in the Second District. Some of the lodges are doing fine work, while others can hardly get enough together to have a meeting. One of the things that has attracted my attention in visiting the lodges is the very few that attend the lodge meetings.

I am sorry that I have not been able to do more and better work during the year. Again begging your pardon for this late report, and thanking you for the high honor conferred upon me, I am and beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,

J. J. TAYLOR,
D.D.G.M. Second District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand
Lodge of North Carolina:*

Dear Sir:

During the past year it has been impossible for me to visit all of the lodges in the Fourth Masonic District, but I have been in touch with those that I have not visited. I wish to say that Masonry in my district is on the upward move and I believe is making substantial strides for the betterment of the communities in which the lodges are located. The educational work is not altogether what I would like but it also is improving.

We held our District Meeting at Potecasi, September 17th, and practically every lodge in the district was represented. This meeting was a complete success and was well worth the while.

Taken as a whole I believe Masonry in the Fourth District is on a par with any other district in the State.

With my very best fraternal greeting, I am,

Fraternally yours,

WATSON N. SHERROD,

D.D.G.M. Fourth District.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand
Lodge of North Carolina:*

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:

I beg leave to submit, herewith the several reports of inspection, made by me, and also my report for the year as District Deputy Grand Master.

I regret very much indeed that I could devote so little time to the office, and that little time, was crowded into such a small part of the year.

I was unable to do anything until September 1, 1925. Beginning at that date, I have during the four months, visited all of the thirteen lodges once, and some of them more than once.

The work was a real joy and an inspiration to me. I visited all the lodges on appointment, and in the short

time, I was not able ever to make my visit at their regular communication, but in every one I found the brethren, ready to call a special communication for my visit, and in several instances, called off special work at my request, to receive the message I was carrying to the lodges. In fact, I have had the heartiest co-operation, from all the lodges in everything I proposed. Everywhere, I found a fine enthusiastic bunch of men. In most of the lodges, the young men are taking a deep interest, and an active part in the work, and have a real pride in putting on the degrees.

Six of the lodges own their own homes, either separately, or with some other order. The latest undertaking, is that of the Masonic Bodies in Goldsboro. They have formed a Masonic Corporation, that has purchased magnificent property in the best, or one of the best residential sections of Goldsboro, and have converted a fine old mansion, into a beautiful, comfortable, and convenient home for all the Masonic Bodies in Goldsboro. They have done Masonry a fine service, of which they can well be proud. They are making Masonry a vital force, in their town, and are to be heartily congratulated.

I wish I could speak of the fine work being done by each of the lodges, but that is impractical.

Ten of the thirteen lodges have had a lecturer within the past two years. The three that have not are as follows: Victory Lodge, No. 642, Pink Hill, N. C. in 1920; Pleasant Hill Lodge, Pink Hill, N. C., 1923; Falling Creek Lodge, Grantham Store, N. C., not in twenty years.

I wrote you a personal letter concerning the situation in the Falling Creek Lodge. I believe the young Masons there are really going to do something. They hope to have a lecturer soon.

We had our District Meeting, in Goldsboro late in November. All the lodges but two were represented, and brought good reports. Dr. W. C. Wicker and Bro. Charles B. Newcomb, of Wilmington, were the speakers for the occasion, and that is enough to say, as we all know these brethren cannot be beat. Some irritating problems were smoothed out, and the work goes forward harmoniously for another year. Bro. R. B. Jones, of Victory Lodge, Pink Hill, N. C., was suggested for District Deputy of the district for the coming year.

There is a growing interest in, and appreciation of the Masonic educational work, under the direction of Dr.

W. C. Wicker, due to his untiring efforts, like leaven this work is penetrating the whole body of Masonry.

I know Masonry is not all it should be in the Sixth District. There are many Masons, whose lives do not exemplify what they profess, some even disgrace the cause we love, and a few are being kicked out, but in spite of many abuses, Masonry is a living, growing uplifting and keeping force in our district.

I thank you, sir, for the confidence placed in me, and the patience you've shown towards me. It has been a pleasure to serve in this office.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM M. BAKER,

D.D.G.M. Sixth District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Most Worshipful Grand Master:

I herewith submit to you my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Seventh District. In January last, you appointed me District Deputy Grand Master for this district and according to the code I was supposed to have made a report as of June 30th, however, I did not make that report as the time was so short after my appointment that I had not accomplished some of the work that I had planned.

Since June I have visited most of the lodges in this district and find that the general conditions are good, and the good work that Masonry represent and stand for, is steadily gaining ground.

Assistant Grand Lecturers have supplied seven of the nine lodges in this district, Bros. J. F. Marquette, P. C. Stott and K. W. Winstead, they have done some splendid work and they deserve to be commended.

The educational work has greatly improved in the past year, nearly all of the lodges are holding educational meetings and more interest is being shown in this work.

Our district meeting was held in April and at that time we had Bro. W. C. Wicker with us, and he gave a very interesting address on Masonry.

In this district we have several lodges that are weak in membership and I have endeavored to get the stronger lodges to help them, by working together at special communications when degree work was to be done and in this way It has been a help to both.

My regular vocation takes me to all of the places that the lodges of this district are located and in this way I have been able to keep in close touch with the general Masonic conditions.

I have endeavored to give my best efforts that I could to further the work of the Order that I love.

All of the brethren have co-operated with me whenever called upon and I have enjoyed having the pleasure to have served as district deputy during your administration.

Again thanking you for the honor conferred upon me, and wishing you a long, happy and prosperous life, I am,

Fraternally yours,

ALBERT D. BROOKS,

D.D.G.M. Seventh District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Most Excellent Grand Master:

I wrote to all the lodges in my district asking for a date for inspection and inviting them to a Masonic Picnic and public installation of officers which was held July 4th at the public school building, but very few Masons except those from Wallace Lodge, No. 595, were present. Brother Daniels made a great address for us which was greatly appreciated.

Rehoboth Lodge, Rose Hill, is doing some excellent work. Siloam is waking up, having been rather inactive. Wallace Lodge, No. 595, is doing good work.

I called an educational meeting for this district at Warsaw, November 24th, at which Doctor Wicker made a wonderful address and did lot of good. There were not many present, but those who were there were glad they went.

I think the educational undertaking a great power for stimulating Masonry, and I hope it can be expanded.

Yours fraternally,

L. SOUTHERLAND,
D.D.G.M. Ninth District.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:

It gives me very great pleasure to transmit to you herewith my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Thirteenth Masonic District. I thank you very much for appointing me to this important office for this year, and this completes three years of service in this capacity. I feel that I have been unworthy of this honor and am an unprofitable servant.

In summing up the work of the district I think Masonry has made some progress along several lines. We may not show as many new members as we would like to see, yet I am confident that we are stronger in spirit. We have striven to emphasize the educational work in each lodge, and they are receiving great benefit from the monthly educational meetings wherever it is done.

Several of the lodges have had lecturers, but not as many as should. I have visited every lodge in the district this year except two, and I installed the officers for several of the lodges on or about St. John's Day.

We show a decrease in the number of lodges. When I took up this work three years ago there were fifteen lodges, now we have only eleven.

Raeford Lodge, No. 306, asked to be in the Eleventh District because it was more convenient. White Hill Lodge, No. 321, voted to move to Cameron, which is in Moore County, and this lodge went to the Twelfth District because of its removal. On the 18th of June, a storm completely demolished the hall and building occupied by McCormick Lodge, No. 228. Then they set to work to consolidate with Sanford Lodge, No. 151, which consolidation was completed on September 18th.

There are at least one or two more small lodges that should consolidate.

Flat Creek Lodge, No. 285, has already voted to move from their old location at Falls Creek Church to Bennett, a small town about two or three miles distance from the present site.

I think every lodge in the district made their report to the Grand Lodge before September 1st.

We held two district meetings, one at Pittsboro, Columbus Lodge, No. 102, in May, and at Siler City, No. 403, in October. These meetings were largely attended and much interest manifested. Bro. C. B. Newcomb made the address at the first and Dr. W. C. Wicker, the second. They made interesting talks that did much good to the work. At the last meeting Doctor Wicker also gave his picture on Equal Opportunity, which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

Another event this year in the district was the Masonic Picnic at Mount Vernon Springs, August 20th. A large crowd was present and every lodge except one was represented. Brother Newcomb and Doctor Wicker also made addresses on this occasion. There was an abundance of good wholesome food, lemonade and watermelons to satisfy the appetite of every one. Good fellowship and a fine spirit entirely prevailed among those present.

By an unanimous vote, it was decided to make this an annual picnic every year at this beautiful and healthy resort. We must thank Bro. J. E. Foust, the Edwards' family, Brother Gorrell and others, for their kindness to make this picnic a success. It was also voted to ask the ladies of the Eastern Star to unite with us in the picnic next year.

The last, but not the least important event of the year to mention was the formal opening and dedication of the beautiful and substantial temple of Sanford Lodge, No. 151, on the 18th of September. It was a great occasion, and this magnificent temple will be a great monument to the zeal and faith of Masons in all that section. It was a real pleasure to have the Grand Master with us, who delighted every one with his address and words of wisdom.

Fraternally submitted,

B. E. STANFIELD,

D.D.G.M. Thirteenth District.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand
Lodge of North Carolina:*

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:

As District Deputy Grand Master for the Fifteenth District of North Carolina, I have the honor to submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1925.

I have visited quite a few of the lodges in the Fifteenth District, and it gives me pleasure to report that as a whole they are in very good condition. I find the ritualistic work being well executed, and a desire to do it even better. I also take pleasure in stating that the educational work is accomplishing much good. It is my purpose and desire to have each lodge in this district hold an educational meeting once each month.

In this day of progress with the good road system that we as North Carolinians enjoy, the building of new school houses and new churches, I wonder if we as masons are keeping abreast with the times in the building of Masonic temples or lodge rooms that are adequate for carrying on the splendid work that Masonry holds for us. I trust the progress made by the lodges during the year, 1926, will far eclipse that of the passing year.

It was a pleasure, Most Worshipful Sir, for me to be with you at the educational meeting held by Wake Forest Lodge, No. 282, and enjoy the splendid address you made.

Assuring you it has been a genuine pleasure to serve as district deputy during your administration.

Fraternally yours,

HARRISON KAUFFMAN,
D.D.G.M. Fifteenth District.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand
Lodge of North Carolina:*

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:

Owing to circumstances over which I had no control, I have delayed making you my report of the workings of

Masonry in the Sixteenth District, (for which I most humbly beg your pardon).

Every thing is working smoothly in this district with the exception of one incident which is now being handled by local lodge, if it does not work out satisfactory in local lodge will make you detailed report.

With this exception every thing so far as I know is moving along fine. Each lodge in my district has set apart one meeting night in each month for educational work.

We have had several educational district meetings with very good results.

In visiting the lodges of my district so far as I was able to discern the Masonic spirit was prevailing.

Would like to call your attention again to the handicap that a District Deputy Grand Master has to deal with is two Masters of each lodge in each year as they most always change Masters the 1st of July.

Again begging your pardon for this late report and again thanking you for the high honor conferred on me by your appointment and with highest personal regards for you and yours.

I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,

G. H. WILKINSON,
D.D.G.M Sixteenth District.

NINETEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand
Lodge of North Carolina:*

Dear Sir:

In submitting my report as District Deputy Grand Master, I have nothing of particular importance to report from the Nineteenth District. There is harmony throughout the district and everywhere I find the brethren interested in things progressive. The district is composed of three counties and we have adopted the idea of an educational meeting in each county rather than a district meeting as we used to hold. If we can get a county organization for educational work I feel that more co-

operation can be had than from a district organization—and certainly more Masons will be reached.

I am of the opinion that three counties makes a district too large and that this district should be divided.

Fraternally yours,

H. A. NEWELL,

D.D.G.M. Nineteenth District.

TWENTY-FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Dear Brother Cash:

As District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-first Masonic District, I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report for the year, 1925.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to visit all of the lodges in the Twenty-first District this year with the exception of Thomas M. Holt Lodge, No. 492, located at Graham. Two communications were addressed to the Secretary of this lodge requesting information concerning the dates of meetings but no reply was ever received.

In general the lodges of the district are in very good condition. In some instances, however, the degree work was very poorly put on whereupon the officers were requested to secure the services of a lecturer at the earliest possible date.

In some of the smaller lodges it seems to me that some kind of missionary work on the part of the Grand Lodge would be advisable. The educational work, of course, would do them much good but what they really need is some one to visit the lodge with idea of drilling some real Masonry into the membership by way of inducing them to take more interest in the degree work. The lodges with limited membership in the rural communities are not always financially able to employ a lecturer to visit them for a period of one or more weeks each year and as a result the beauty of the degree work suffers at the hands of untrained Craftsmen.

Assuring you that it has been a genuine pleasure for me to serve under your administration, I remain,

Courteously and fraternally your,

J. H. EPPERSON,
D.D.G.M. Twenty-first District.

TWENTY-FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:

I herewith submit to you the following as my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fifth District of North Carolina:

The Twenty-fifth Masonic District embraces Rowan, Stanly and Cabarrus counties, in which are located the following lodges:

Spencer Lodge, No. 543, Spencer, N. C.; Stokes, No. 32, Concord, N. C.; Fulton Lodge, No. 99, Salisbury, N. C.; Pee Dee Lodge, No. 150, Norwood, N. C.; Scotch Ireland Lodge, No. 154, Cleveland, N. C.; Eureka Lodge, No. 283, China Grove, N. C.; Patterson Lodge, No. 307, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.; Stanley Lodge, No. 348, Albemarle, N. C.; Big Lick Lodge, No. 476, Oakboro, N. C.; Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 576, Salisbury, N. C.; Midland Lodge, No. 618, Midland, N. C.; Cannon Memorial Lodge, No. 626, Kannapolis, N. C.; Yadkin Falls Lodge, No. 637, Badin, N. C.; Keller Memorial Lodge, No. 657, Rockwell, N. C.; with a present membership of about two thousand.

During my official visits to the several lodges of the district, I observed the degree work in eight of the fourteen all of which was conferred in a very acceptable manner. All of the lodges in the district are in good condition, and with the exception of a few are able to carry on the work without help; however, there are a few of the lodges in the district that ought to be consolidated, in order that best results be obtained. In addition to the official visits I have visited a number of the lodges several times and always received a hearty welcome and much respect was shown the wishes of our Grand Master and his program as outlined in the State.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina met in called communication in Salisbury, Monday, June 1, 1925, at 3 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Boyden High School Building. A very impressive and interesting service was had for which the Masons in Salisbury and the public in general were very grateful. I attach hereto a copy of the program of said meeting.

This communication was had at the request of Fulton Lodge, No. 99, and Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 576, and much credit for the meeting is due Dr. W. C. Taylor at that time Master of Fulton Lodge, W. M. Pickens, Senior Warden, Fulton Lodge, and D. M. Hunt, Master of Andrew Jackson Lodge.

This is one of the most important parts of the year's work, which I found to be very pleasant as well as instructive and helpful to myself and the membership in general. Acting upon the advice, and with the assistance of our very proficient Educational Field Secretary, Dr. W. C. Wicker, I held educational meetings with the following lodges: Andrew Jackson, No. 576, Salisbury; Patterson, No. 307, Mt. Pleasant; Pee Dee, No. 150, Norwood; Fulton, No. 99, Salisbury; Scotch Ireland, No. 154, Cleveland; Eureka, No. 283, China Grove; Big Lick, No. 476, Oakboro; Midland, No. 618, Midland.

In addition to the above, educational meetings have been held regularly by the majority of the lodges in the district with results very satisfactory to myself and Dr. Wicker.

I take this opportunity to express the appreciation of the Masons of the Twenty-fifth District to our very able and untiring worker, Dr. W. C. Wicker for his support and assistance in furthering the educational program in our lodges; and I also wish to express our appreciation for the efforts and assistance of Bro. James W. Payne, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-fifth District and present Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina, for his help during the year; and I also wish to express to the various officers and members of the district my appreciation for their noble support in carrying on the work.

I installed the officers of the following lodges: Yadkin Falls, No. 637, Badin, public installation, Badin Theatre, James W. Payne, acting Marshal; Spencer, No. 543, Spencer, First Baptist Church, James W. Payne, acting Marshal; Cannon Memorial, No. 626, Kannapolis, D. M.

Hunt, acting Marshal; Keller Memorial, No. 657, Rockwell, C. T. Harris, acting Marshal.

I find that the majority of the lodges in this district have had the services of Grand lecturers during the year.

I find the following lodges in the district own their own homes:

Stokes, No. 32, Concord, purchased additional property, remodeled their building and have excellent quarters, and deserve the congratulations of the Grand Lodge and Masons of the State.

Scotch Ireland, No. 54, Cleveland, own their own home. They have remodeled and built additions thereto which is used for kitchen and dining room. They have very comfortable and adequate quarters.

Patterson, No. 307, Mt. Pleasant. This lodge owns their own home, has very comfortable quarters much to their credit.

I have encouraged the members of the various lodges in the district to visit other lodges, exchange ideas of the work and promote in general the welfare of Masonry and especially the educational program has met with a decided success.

A number of the lodges have been invited to confer degrees all of which has met with much success.

I held a District Meeting in Salisbury, June 4th, at 2:30 p. m., with Fulton Lodge, No. 99, Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 576. In the afternoon the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred by Fulton Lodge, No. 99, the Fellow Craft Degree by Cannon Memorial Lodge, No. 626, of Kannapolis, and in the evening the Master's Degree was conferred by Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 576.

There were present at this meeting: John J. Phoenix, Senior Grand Deacon, James W. Payne, Grand High Priest and E. B. Neave, Grand Treasurer of Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina, and 236 members and visitors.

I also held a District Meeting on December 11, 1925, in Salisbury, with Fulton Lodge, No. 99, Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 576, and Spencer Lodge, No. 543. Present at this meeting were Leon Cash, Grand Master, Dr. W. C. Wicker, Educational Field Secretary, James W. Payne, Grand High Priest, and E. B. Neave, Grand Treasurer, R. A. M., with three hundred visitors and members.

In the afternoon the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred by Fulton Lodge, No. 99, followed by an address by Leon Cash, Grand Master, who owing to con-

flict in dates was compelled to return to Winston-Salem for a meeting that night. The Fellow Craft was conferred by Spencer Lodge, No. 543, supper served to all members and visitors, after which the Master's Degree was conferred by Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 576.

Both of the above meetings were very largely attended and proved to be very successful.

We held a very successful Masonic Festival in Salisbury, December 9th, 10th and 11th, a copy of the program is hereto attached.

At this festival all of the degrees were conferred from Entered Apprentice to the Order of the Temple. There were present: Leon Cash, Grand Master; James W. Payne, Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina; William R. Smith, Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of North Carolina; James H. Taylor, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of North Carolina; W. C. Wicker, Educational Field Secretary of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina. This festival opened at 3:30, December 9th and closed at 11:30 p. m., December 11th. Each day at 6:15, a dutch supper was served to all present, and in the evening a banquet was served after the work. To my mind this festival has done more to promote good-will among the various lodges and Masonic bodies in the district than any meeting that has been held for sometime, and I earnestly recommend that a Masonic Festival be held in the districts sometime during the Masonic year.

During the year I have encouraged all lodges in the district in collecting the dues from the members, and to allow none to get in arrears, and from the reports received this has been very successful.

I am glad to report that I have received the unqualified support of all lodges in the district. The Singing Class has visited a number of the lodges, and without an exception from their report, have been received most cordially and the financial part has been a success.

I have also encouraged all lodges in the district to have a full attendance of their delegates at the Grand Lodge meeting in January.

In conclusion I wish to express my deep appreciation for the support received from all Masters and brethren of the Twenty-fifth District, and especially for the assistance of Dr. W. C. Wicker and James W. Payne.

I wish to assure you that it has been a genuine pleasure to have had the pleasure of serving you as I have in the past year, and in my feeble way, contribute in a small degree in making your administration the wonderful success you have enjoyed; and in closing I wish to express to you the best wishes of every Mason in the Twenty-fifth District.

Fraternally yours,

J. G. HUDSON,
D.D.G.M. Twenty-fifth District.

TWENTY-SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I have the honor of herewith submitting our report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twenty-sixth District as follows:

The majority of the lodges in the Twenty-sixth District have had Assistant Grand Lecturers and there is a marked improvement in the degree work. One lodge had a Lecturer twice during the year.

The records of the lodges I have had the opportunity of inspecting are in good shape and kept by competent officers.

We held a district picnic for the Masons and their families, attended by about fifteen hundred, and had the honor of having with us the Grand Orator, a Past Grand Orator and the Fraternal Writer for the "Charlotte Observer," all of whom added greatly to the success and pleasure of the occasion.

Much interest is being manifested in the work of the lodges and harmony seemingly prevails throughout the district.

Fraternally yours,

J. E. STEWART,
D.D.G.M. Twenty-sixth District.

TWENTY-EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

My Dear Sir and Brother:

As the year draws to a close, I beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twenty-eighth Masonic District.

I have visited all of the lodges in my district during the year, and some of them several times, and it has been a pleasure to me to mingle with the brethren. While I have not been able to do all that I set out to do at the beginning of the year, I feel that progress has been made. Some of the lodges are holding education meetings each month, and a few are not doing anything along that line. Some of the brethren in this district need to absorb some of the real teachings of Masonry, then we would be prepared to do some real constructive work. I am handing you herewith my inspection reports.

In conclusion, I thank you for the confidence reposed in me, and assuring you that it has been a real pleasure to serve as District Deputy Grand Master during your administration, I am

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

G. L. WRIGHT,

D.D.G.M. Twenty-eight District.

TWENTY-NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

My Dear Brother Cash:

I herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Twenty-ninth District:

This district is composed of the counties of Iredell and Alexander. Two lodges in Alexander and eight in Iredell. Masonry has made steady progress during the year in most of the lodges. We have three very small lodges in Iredell county, and I feel like it would be much better for Masonry in the county if these could be consolidated with the stronger lodges. Two of them have found it difficult to get a quorum out for meetings.

I held a district meeting with Statesville Lodge, December 14th. The Third Degree was conferred by members of Lee Lodge, Taylorsville, assisted by members of Stony Point Lodge, after which Rev. J. E. Abernathy of Phalanx Lodge, Charlotte, delivered a most instructive and inspiring address, subject, "Show Thyself a Man."

I have visited most of the lodges, and have conducted twelve Masonic funeral services in the district during the year.

Fraternally yours,

W. W. HOLLAND,
D.D.G.M. Twenty-ninth District.

THIRTY-THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Dear Brother Cash:

As Deputy of the Thirty-third District, I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending November 23, 1925.

We held our district meeting in connection with the semi-annual meeting of the Grand Lodge which met in our city of North Wilksboro with Liberty Grove Lodge, No. 407, the latter part of August.

This lodge furnished real candidates and the degrees were conferred in ample form by the Grand Lecturer and his assistants.

All our lodges except two were represented in this meeting. This being the first Grand Lodge meeting held in our district we feel that we were highly honored and greatly benefited by having this body of great men assemble with us and we hope to be so honored again in the near future.

Space will not permit me to say all I would like concerning this meeting but suffice it to say that this was a great stimulus to our lodges and especially the great speech of Grand Master Cash relative to the observance of the prohibition laws by our lodges is having its desired effect.

Five of our lodges have had Lecturers in the past year and the others are making an effort to procure Lec-

turers this winter. Grand Lecturer R. F. Edwards is lecturing in the district now.

We have eliminated two of our weak lodges whose membership will go to stronger lodges but we still have thirteen which we think, considering the changes wrought by good roads and cars, is still too many and we are trying to further consolidate.

I have not visited but few of our lodges this year but have written all of them concerning putting on the educational program and have seen and talked with all the Masters at different times and places and my observation is that all our lodges are taking on new life.

With kindest regards and best wishes for the advancement of the craft under your leadership, I am,

Fraternally yours,

R. L. PROFFITT,

D.D.G.M. Thirty-third District.

THIRTY-FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I hereby submit my report of the Thirty-fourth District. We have eight lodges. I have visited six, lectured, four, the other two I was not able to visit on account of sickness in my family and my time being taken up lecturing the lodges of the State. The most of the lodges I have visited and held meetings are doing very good work. We have been hard hit in the mountains on account of the drought. I am sorry to say that a number of brethren are dropping out on account of high dues. It is hard to convince them that the dues are used for a noble purpose, to aid the little ones at Oxford Orphanage and the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Greensboro.

I have endeavored to give educational instruction as well as the ritualistic teachings. I feel that the lodges of the State are taking a higher conception of Masonry than ever before. I have not been able to hold a district

meeting this year. This has been a very busy year. You will find enclosed the lodges I inspected during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. EDWARDS,
D.D.G.M. Thirty-fourth District.

THIRTY-FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:

I beg leave to submit report for the Masonic year just closing, I have visited a few lodges during the past year, but not all of them in my district, I am happy to report to you that I fully believe the work is in better shape than it was last year, the future also looks brighter especially in some of the lodges.

I have held no district meetings, as I was unable to get arrangements made to hold it in one of our central lodges where I intended to have you present if possible. Hope to meet you at the Grand Lodge meeting.

With kind regards. I am,

Fraternally yours,

S. H. ODOM,
D.D.G.M. Thirty-fifth District.

THIRTY-EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Most Worshipful Sir:

Herewith my annual report as District Deputy of the Thirty-eighth Masonic District:

I have had the honor of visiting and inspecting all the lodges in the district except Dunns Rock Lodge at Brevard. I have made several attempts to visit this lodge but each time have been prevented by some-unavoidable circumstance. However I have communi-

FORTIETH MASONIC DISTRICT

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of North Carolina:*

Dear Brother:

Herewith is my report of the Fortieth Masonic District. I have visited six of the seven lodges in the district and conferred with members of all the lodges in the district at various times during the year in regard to the conditions of their lodges and find the following conditions:

Vespar Lodge No. 554 Spruce Pine in good shape, doing good work with fair attendance and interest in the work. Needs the services of a Lecturer.

Burnsville Lodge, No. 192, in fair shape but a lack of interest and attendance. They have a nice hall well equipped. They need a Lecturer at once.

Bald Creek, No. 397. This lodge is doing very good work and if they will collect the outstanding dues will be in good shape financially.

Bee Log Lodge, No. 548. This lodge is not very active and have not done much work in the last year. They should consolidate with Burnsville Lodge or Bald Creek. They should also collect dues from the members.

Pensacola Lodge, No. 647 is inactive. They have only held four communications during the year and have done no work. Most of the members have moved away and there is not enough members left at the place to support a lodge there. They are in seven miles of Burnsville and should lose no time in consolidating with this lodge.

Eastern Star Lodge, No. 425 is in a dormant condition. They have only held two meetings during the year and have done no work. They should consolidate with Burnsville Lodge, No. 192 at once.

Bakersville Lodge, No. 357 is still without a hall, having lost their hall by fire two or three years ago. They have been holding business meetings in the Court House but have done no work since they lost their hall. Vespar Lodge, No. 554 has done what work they have had to do since their fire. I would recommend consolidation with Vespar Lodge at once.

Only one district meeting was held in our district the past year. This was held with Vespar Lodge, No. 554. We had a very good meeting but the lodges did not send representatives as they should have done. Grand Master Leon Cash was with us and delivered the most comprehensive address on Masonry ever heard in the part of the country. This meeting was held at 2:30 p. m. and followed by a meeting in the evening when the Masters Degree was conferred and exemplified by Grand Master Cash. Bro. Van Horn was also present and delivered a very forceful address on Masonry.

I am very sorry to report that there has been little educational work done in this district the past year.

Assuring you that it has been a real pleasure to me to work with you during the past year and with kindest personal regards,

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. RIDDLE,
D.D.G.M. Fortieth District.

FORTY-FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand
Lodge of North Carolina:*

Dear Brother Cash:

I am truly sorry to be so late in giving you a report for my district and but for an unfortunate accident it would have reached you much earlier. In the early part of November I suffered an infection from a scratch on my arm, which necessitated my cancelling several inspection trips to the lodges in Madison County.

My particular regret is that I did not get to White Rock lodge, about which I think I made mention to you in Gastonia. I had planned to visit them in November, this being the best time to inspect that lodge, but as it is some ninety miles distant from Waynesville with a long stretch of difficult road, I could not undertake the trip. I am just now fully recovering.

I have visited some of the lodges a number of times and with the exception of the educational work, have found conditions very satisfactory. Since the initiation of this work by the Grand Lodge my best efforts have

produced only indifferent responses from the lodges in my district. At the beginning it appeared that the work might be a success, but I have held district meetings, County meetings and individual educational meetings with some of the lodges and the work has ended with the adjournment of the meetings. Educational secretaries have been appointed, some of whom I expected to see work with some zeal. In the majority of cases they have failed to function, and in others their efforts have been fruitless and finally ceased, due to a lack of interest on the part of the members, and, of course, the officers to an extent.

I find from observation and from talking with brethren conversant with conditions in other lodges than those in my district, that similar conditions exist in many of the lodges west of my district, if not in nearly all of them. I have come to the conclusion that the brethren as a whole in this section are altogether indifferent to this work, if not slightly hostile to it. If the lack of progress was due to my individual efforts I should conclude that I have failed to present it properly-but we have had Brother Wicker in district meeting and some very capable and eminently qualified brethren to assist in presenting the work and programs in Educational meetings and conferences of secretaries with Brother Wicker.

There are, of course, a few lodges to which these conditions will not apply, but they are rare exception.

I think there are several reasons for this state of affairs. One is the failure of many of the lodges to be represented regularly in Grand Lodge and a consequent lack of understanding of the things the Grand Lodge is trying to do, and the additional burden placed on it each year. Many object to the educational work as being expensive and the per capita tax rising, and there are other reasons with numbers of adherents, which I will not mention here.

I am giving you this report on the Educational work as precisely as possible, since I believe it proper to reflect as near as possible the sentiments in regard to it in my district.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to thank you for the appointment as District Deputy. I sincerely regret that it is necessary for me to report that I have not visited the lodges in Madison County. I assure you

that were it not for an unforeseen illness I should not be making the apology for the failure.

I am mailing a report for this district to Brother Willson for the Proceedings, and I am also insisting that every lodge in my district be represented at the Grand Lodge.

I feel sure you will be glad to know that we are going to erect a Temple in Waynesville. Construction will begin as soon as the weather will permit.

With very best wishes, I am,

Faithfully and Fraternally yours,

L. E. GREEN,

D.D.G.M. Forty-first District.

FORTY-SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Dear Brother Cash:

Masonry throughout the Forty-second District is in very good shape, and especially has there been an increased interest shown in the educational movement. Many of the lodges are putting on a program regularly while others have been rather lax along that line, but altogether much interest has been manifested with excellent results in some of the lodges.

In May of this year a district meeting was held with Dillsboro Lodge, No. 459, with a large number of Masons in attendance. The Masons were entertained at a banquet by the ladies of the Eastern Star which was greatly enjoyed by all. Practically all the lodges of the district were well represented. A splendid program was put on and several excellent addresses were delivered, resulting in much good to the Order.

With assurance of my esteem, and best wishes for a merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year,

Fraternally yours,

C. Z. CANDLER,

D.D.G.M., Forty-second District.

FORTY-THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of North Carolina:*

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:

I herewith enclose inspection report of some of the lodges I visited this year. I Was able to visit eight of the ten lodges in this district, two I did not visit on account of not being able to visit them at their regular communications.

During the past five years that I have served as District Deputy Grand Master I am able to note some improvement. Five years ago none of the lodges in this district had had the services of a Grand Lodge Lecturer for more than twenty years, now all the lodges have had the services of a Lecturer and are more familiar with the ritualistic work: and during the past year I can see where much good has been accomplished along the lines suggested by the educational course, though I have been unable to get all the lodges to take up this work.

I think that if some of the smaller lodges would consolidate masonry would be benefitted in this district. With good roads and improved methods of living I can see no reason why this can not be done, which would mean the formation of real live lodges where several are now almost dormant.

With best wishes, I am,

Most fraternally yours.

J. W. S. DAVIS,
D.D.G.M. Forty-third Masonic District.



In Memoriam



The Distinguished Dead of Other Grand Jurisdictions



*"The leaves are swept from branches
But the living buds are there
With the folded flower and foliage
To sprout in a kinder air."*





In Memoriam



**Master Masons
of this
Jurisdiction
who passed away during the
Masonic Year of
Nineteen Hundred Twenty-five**



*"They're passing away, those dear
old friends,*

*Like leaves on the current cast;
With never a break in the rapid
flow,*

*We watch them as one by one they
go*

Into the beautiful past."



DEATHS REPORTED TO THE GRAND LODGE FOR THE YEAR 1925

Henry C. Bear, St. John's Lodge, No. 1	January 4, 1925
Martin E. Nelson, St. John's Lodge, No. 1	May 13, 1925
Dr. James Sprunt, St. John's Lodge, No. 1	July 9, 1924
F. C. Froelich, Royal White Hart Lodge, No. 2	June 15, 1925
J. C. Butts, Royal White Hart Lodge, No. 2	January 13, 1925
Thos. Daniels, St. John's Lodge, No. 3	December 5, 1924
C. W. Gaskins, St. John's Lodge, No. 3	August 16, 1924
F. E. Wagner, St. John's Lodge, No. 3	May --, 1925
M. B. Smith, St. John's Lodge, No. 3	March 8, 1925
O. D. Jobson, St. John's Lodge, No. 4	March 3, 1925
A. L. Harrington, St. John's Lodge, No. 4	April 6, 1925
J. Ivy Fordham, St. John's Lodge, No. 4	April 15, 1925
B. F. Dinkins, St. John's Lodge, No. 4	April 26, 1925
James Alston, Charity Lodge, No. 5	May 8, 1925
J. H. Bowen, Charity Lodge, No. 5	May 16, 1925
Dr. H. M. S. Cason, Unanimity Lodge, No. 7	September 23, 1924
E. B. Vaughan, American George, No. 17	December 1924
J. L. Breet, American George Lodge, No. 17	July 24, 1924
George F. Hall, Phalanx Lodge, No. 31	October --, 1924
E. B. Littlefield, Phalanx Lodge, No. 31	1924
F. L. Stutts, Phalanx Lodge, No. 31	February 27, 1925
C. C. Yates, Phalanx Lodge, No. 31	April 2, 1925
R. G. Brice, Phalanx Lodge, No. 31	May 16, 1925
I. P. Caldwell, Phalanx Lodge, No. 31	1924
Sig. Grasheim, Phalanx Lodge, No. 31	August --, 1924
C. E. Hooper, Phalanx Lodge, No. 31	June 23, 1925
W. G. Campbell, Stokes Lodge, No. 32	January 24, 1925
W. E. G. Robinson, Stokes Lodge, No. 32	March 8, 1925
W. H. Heglar, Stokes Lodge, No. 32	December 30, 1924
E. W. Fetzer, Stokes Lodge, No. 32	December 19, 1924
S. J. Fore, Davie Lodge, No. 39	October 3, 1924
W. R. Smith, Davie Lodge, No. 39	November 23, 1924
E. L. Bishop, Davie Lodge, No. 39	February 8, 1925
A. C. Bryant, Davie Lodge, No. 39	April 2, 1925
W. W. Kitchen, Hiram Lodge, No. 40	November 9, 1924
R. Henderson Ray, Hiram Lodge, No. 40	December 17, 1924
Jacob Kline, Hiram Lodge, No. 40	January 7, 1925
W. A. Johnson, Hiram Lodge, No. 40	May 5, 1925
S. M. Terrell, Hiram Lodge, No. 40	June 7, 1925
M. L. Burgess, Hall Lodge, No. 53	October 17, 1924

H. B. Hardy, King Solomon Lodge, No. 56	January 7, 1925
R. G. Allsbrook, Concord Lodge, No. 58	February 3, 1925
Geo. Howard, Sr., Concord Lodge, No. 58	February 21, 1925
John Pender, Concord Lodge, No. 58	May 28, 1925
W. H. Hardison, Perseverance Lodge, No. 59	March 27, 1925
Isaac T. Hasell, Perseverance Lodge, No. 59	January 11, 1925
J. L. Matheson, Sr., Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64	November 28, 1924
S. Franklin, Greensboro Lodge, 76	November 20, 1924
George Washington Isley, Greensboro Lodge, No. 76	Jan. 17, 1925
J. E. McKernan, Greensboro Lodge, No. 76	September 1, 1925
Wm. Solomon Nussman, Greensboro Lodge, No. 76	Aug. 19, 1925
George B. Roberson, Greensboro Lodge, No. 76	June 24, 1925
A. D. Shelton, Greensboro Lodge, No. 76	February 14, 1925
J. E. A. Siske, Greensboro Lodge, No. 76	April 30, 1925
James Hunt White, Greensboro Lodge, No. 76	Sept. 29, 1924
James George Xonis, Greensboro Lodge, No. 76	March 5, 1925
F. D. Foxhall, Sharon Lodge, No. 78	December 14, 1924
E. W. Murrill, LaFayette Lodge, No. 83	June 10, 1925
A. P. Lunceford, Fellowship Lodge, No. 84	April 2, 1924
B. W. Batchelor, Morning Star Lodge, No. 85	December 23, 1924
H. T. Rose, Morning Star Lodge, No. 85	January --, 1925
A. I. Brown, Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90	February 5, 1925
C. J. Smith, Western Star Lodge, No. 91	February 21, 1925
E. O. Allen, Jerusalem Lodge, No. 95	February 9, 1925
Jesse Phillips, Jerusalem Lodge, No. 95	March 15, 1925
W. C. Haithcock, Neuse Lodge, No. 97	September 3, 1925
D. L. Davis, Hiram Lodge, No. 98	Jan. 8, 1925
F. I. Powell, Hiram Lodge, No. 98	September 7, 1925
J. L. Everton, Hiram Lodge, No. 98	1925
S. Goode, Sr., Hiram Lodge, No. 98	February 8, 1924
W. W. Taylor, Fulton Lodge, No. 99	August 22, 1924
E. D. Keeter, Fulton Lodge, No. 99	April 25, 1925
J. B. Burke, Columbus Lodge, No. 102	March 1, 1925
W. E. Jones, Orr Lodge, No. 104	October 8, 1924
W. B. Singleton, Orr Lodge, No. 104	September 14, 1924
W. W. Walker, Orr Lodge, No. 104	October 27, 1924
R. F. Ward, Perquimans Lodge, No. 106	April 3, 1925
Alphus B. Willis, Franklin Lodge, No. 109	August 25, 1924
W. H. Hendrix, Franklin Lodge, No. 109	March 28, 1925
Elijah S. Pigott, Franklin Lodge, No. 109	June 28, 1925
A. H. Daly, Wayne Lodge, No. 112	November 10, 1924
Augustar Strauss, Wayne Lodge, No. 112	January 16, 1925
F. P. Thompson, Wayne Lodge, No. 112	May 17, 1925
W. A. Bradsher, Person Lodge, No. 113	September 16, 1924
R. W. Morris, Person Lodge, No. 113	June 9, 1925
J. Calvin Barnes, St. Alban's Lodge, No. 114	October 6, 1924
M. W. Floyd, St. Alban's Lodge, No. 114	June 13, 1925
L. G. W. Barefoot, Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 117	December 1924
Albert Oettinger, Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 117	March 1925

Jonathan Tomlinson, Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 117	April 1925
T. R. Simpson, Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 117	May 1925
W. B. Orgain, Mt. Lebanon Lodge, No. 117	January 1925
H. S. Hulburt, Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118	July 31, 1924
J. A. Wagner, Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118	December 5, 1924
A. A. Minick, Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118	December 13, 1924
Lockwood Bonnell, Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118	January 3, 1925
B. C. Means, Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118	February 5, 1925
W. H. Long, Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118	February 6, 1925
Solomon Lipinsky, Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118	March 28, 1925
W. E. Bynum, Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118	May 12, 1925
A. H. Stubbs, Mt. Hermon Lodge, No. 118	August 2, 1924
L. B. Cotton, Mill Creek Lodge, No. 125	October 1, 1924
Wm. Hill, Mill Creek Lodge, No. 125	April 12, 1925
T. R. Eure, Gatesville Lodge, No. 126	November 26, 1925
J. J. Cullens, Gatesville Lodge, No. 126	April 11, 1925
Marton Thompson, Blackmer Lodge, No. 127	January 19, 1925
L. F. Fentriss, Hanks Lodge, No. 128	October 7, 1924
J. H. Shane, Hanks Lodge, No. 128	March 2, 1925
Jno. W. Eggleston, Leaksville Lodge, No. 136	May 16 1925
H. T. Mozley, Junaluska Lodge, No. 145	March 30, 1925
Sam L. Rogers, Junaluska Lodge, No. 145	June 18, 1925
Julius Hanna, Palmyra Lodge, No. 147	December 6, 1924
Martin McKenzie, Pee Dee Lodge, No. 150	June 4, 1925
W. H. Pemberton, Pee Dee Lodge, No. 150	January 1925
W. S. Weatherspoon, Sanford Lodge, No. 151	May 26, 1925
D. F. Thomas, Sanford Lodge, No. 151	February 25, 1925
T. L. Honeycutt, White Stone Lodge, No. 155	February 24, 1925
E. H. Lyon, Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158	July 7, 1924
W. D. Turrentine, Knaps of Reeds Lodge, No. 158	
R. R. Burgess, Deep River Lodge, No. 164	December 2, 1924
R. C. Stokes, Deep River Lodge, No. 164	March 15, 1925
A. W. Stout, Deep River Lodge, No. 164	September 10, 1924
W. T. Hinton, Archer Lodge, No. 165	March 8, 1925
Eugene Johnson, Winston Lodge, No. 167	July 18, 1924
E. D. Rich, Winston Lodge, No. 167	October 21, 1924
F. R. Norman, Winston Lodge, No. 167	November 24, 1924
P. A. Miller, Winston Lodge, No. 167	December 15, 1924
W. L. Sink, Winston Lodge, No. 167	February 25, 1924
H. D. Moses, Winston Lodge, No. 167	May 7, 1925
W. R. Leak, Winston Lodge, No. 167	May 12, 1925
I. O. Hart, Winston Lodge, No. 167	May 23, 1925
C. A. Vogler, Winston Lodge, No. 167	May 31 1925
P. H. Hanes, Winston Lodge, No. 167	June 9, 1925
W. V. Hartman, Winston Lodge, No. 167	January 2, 1925
Whitfield Cobb, Winston Lodge, No. 167	February 25, 1925
C. H. Shape, Blackmer Lodge, No. 170	February 25, 1925
T. H. Weaver, Blackmer Lodge, No. 170	July 28, 1924
J. B. Gosnell, Blackmer Lodge, No. 170	

I. P. Lasater, Buffalo Lodge, No. 172	December 28, 1924
B. F. Upchurch, Geo. Washington Lodge, No. 174,	January 21, 1924
J. M. Barrett, Carthage Lodge, No. 181	July 10, 1925
G. G. Wood, Sandy Creek Lodge, No. 185	December 29, 1924
G. G. Powell, Central Cross Lodge, No. 187	December 14, 1924
J. H. Williamson, Fair Bluff Lodge, No. 190	January 8, 1925
James Haney, Burnsville Lodge, No. 192	May 2, 1925
J. B. Ray, Burnsville, Lodge, No. 192	November 1, 1924
W. J. Thomas, Burnsville Lodge, No. 192	June 3, 1925
J. C. Smith, Cleveland Lodge, No. 202	November 11, 1924
Al McCoy, Long Creek Lodge, No. 205	April 10, 1925
J. B. Schulken, Lebanon Lodge, No. 207	December 22, 1924
W. J. Hughes, Lebanon Lodge, No. 207	July 1924
J. B. Carr, Mt. Olive Lodge, No. 208	February 9, 1925
S. E. Bostick, Randleman Lodge, No. 209	September 23, 1924
W. P. Wilson, Eno Lodge, No. 210	April 25, 1925
R. K. Stone, Thomasville Lodge, No. 214	October 8, 1924
T. W. S. Grimes, Thomasville Lodge, No. 214	February 18, 1925
M. H. Stone, Thomasville Lodge, No. 214	May 8, 1925
Brown Finch, Thomasville Lodge, No. 214	April 5, 1925
Emile Fisard, Catawba Valley Lodge, No. 217	June 5, 1925
Isaac Lazarus, Catawba Valley Lodge, No. 217	April 5, 1925
R. M. Warlick, Catawba Valley Lodge, No. 217	October 4, 1924
Jno. R. Terrell, Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218	October 9, 1924
Sidney X. Potts, Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218	January 17, 1925
Needham B. Broughton, Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218,	Apr. 21, 1925
Warner E. Mitchell, Wm. G. Hill Lodge, No. 218	June 21, 1925
J. C. Henley, County Line Lodge, No. 224	September 26, 1924
B. T. Weatherman, Wilson Lodge, No. 226	January 27, 1925
J. G. Weatherman, Wilson Lodge, No. 226	January 27, 1925
John M. Perkins, Jonesville Lodge, No. 227	February 2, 1924
W. R. Horton, Henderson Lodge, No. 229	July 1924
J. T. Garvey, Corinthian Lodge, No. 230	November 23, 1924
John G. Snyder, Corinthian Lodge, No. 230	November 27, 1924
Wm. McD. Burgin, Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 237	January 16, 1924
C. L. Rountree, Rountree Lodge, No. 243	July 26, 1924
W. A. Gaskins, Rountree Lodge, No. 243	February 14, 1925
W. H. Phillips, Rountree Lodge, No. 243	May 26, 1925
F. M. Sutton, Monroe Lodge, No. 244	September 15, 1924
J. D. McRae, Monroe Lodge, No. 244	November 19, 1924
Jas. A. Crowell, Monroe Lodge, No. 244	December 24, 1924
R. W. Lemmond, Monroe Lodge, No. 244	February 7, 1925
H. K. White, Pythagoras Lodge, No. 249	November 7, 1924
H. C. Gill, Shiloh Lodge, No. 250	April 12, 1925
P. S. Hafer, Lee Lodge, No. 253	December 1924
T. F. Murdock, Lee Lodge, No. 253	July 1924
S. P. Williams, Lee Lodge, No. 253	March 1925
John W. Stockard, Oaks Lodge, No. 255	June 30, 1924
J. H. Broadwell, Kenly Lodge, No. 257	July 23, 1924

P. H. Holland, Kenly Lodge, No. 257	January 19, 1925
C. B. McKey, Fuquay Lodge, No. 258	November 30, 1924
W. A. Conner, Waynesville Lodge, No. 259	July 18, 1924
F. P. Farmer, Waynesville Lodge, No. 259	May 25, 1925
G. S. Ferguson, Waynesville Lodge, 259	December 9, 1924
R. D. Gilmer, Waynesville Lodge, No. 259	November 1, 1924
H. L. McFadgen, Waynesville Lodge, No. 259	February 27, 1925
J. A. Austin, Excelsior Lodge, No. 261	December 16, 1924
Walter Brem, Excelsior Lodge, No. 261	February 11, 1925
K. H. Coxe, Excelsior Lodge, No. 261	April 28, 1925
C. O. Garmon, Excelsior Lodge, No. 261	November 12, 1924
W. F. Crisp, Hibriten Lodge, No. 262	July 14, 1924
D. A. Griffin, Hibriten Lodge, No. 262	May 5, 1925
W. A. Hoke, Hibriten Lodge, No. 262	May 8, 1925
A. R. Martin, Gaston Lodge, No. 263	February 23, 1925
A. V. Allen, Farmington Lodge, No. 265	September 11, 1924
B. R. Dunn, Dunns Rock Lodge, No. 267	July --, 1924
C. W. Hunt, Dunns Rock Rock Lodge, No. 267	July 20, 1924
M. J. Ownby, Dunns Rock Lodge, No. 267	September 22, 1924
Lee A. Falls, Dunns Rock Lodge, No. 267	May 1925
Clay King, Bingham Lodge, No. 272	August 12, 1924
W. J. Gibson, Bingham Lodge, No. 272	September 7, 1924
Allen Green, Watauga Lodge, No. 273	January 24, 1925
E. F. Lovill, Wautaga Lodge, No. 273	January 3, 1925
J. H. Cook, Watauga Lodge, No. 273	
Nathan Holloman, Green Level Lodge, No. 277	September 26, 1924
J. S. Rouse, Rehoboth Lodge, No. 279	August 11, 1924
R. S. Prichard, Wake Forest Lodge, No. 282	April 6, 1925
Rev. Paul Barringer, Eureka Lodge, No. 283	February 10, 1925
J. B. Joyner, Greenville Lodge, No. 284	February 14, 1925
J. R. Forbes, Greenville Lodge, No. 284	June 7, 1925
J. M. Purvis, Flat Creek Lodge, No. 285	April 10, 1925
J. H. Ellerson, French Board Lodge, No. 292	June 14, 1925
M. L. Gudger, French Broad Lodge, No. 292	April 29, 1925
W. W. Rollins, French Broad Lodge, No. 292	March 25, 1925
J. H. White, French Broad Lodge, No. 292	February 5, 1925
S. C. Plemmons, French Broad Lodge, No. 292	August 30, 1924
C. W. Tweed, French Broad Lodge, 292	December 4, 1924
R. F. Payne, French Broad Lodge, No. 292	June 29, 1925
H. D. McCain, French Broad Lodge, No. 292	
T. R. Benson, Atlantic Lodge, No. 294	June 19, 1925
J. A. Martin, Stonewall Lodge, No. 296	March 15, 1925
J. C. Crawford, Stonewall Lodge, No. 296	July 18, 1924
G. W. Nicholson, Hunting Creek Lodge, No. 299	May 20, 1925
James M. Hogsed, Clay Lodge, No. 301	December 24, 1924
Rev. M. G. Ledford, Clay Lodge, No. 301	January 9, 1925
T. C. Lovin, Clay Lodge, No. 301	May 2, 1925
H. C. Dean, Evengreen Lodge, No. 303	September 30, 1924
Ben A. Watkins, Montgomery Lodge, No. 309	July 4, 1924

W. C. Foster, New Lebanon Lodge, No. 314	November 17, 1924
F. G. Thompson, Eureka Lodge, No. 317	August 24, 1924
W. H. Rollinson, Eureka Lodge, No. 317	August 18, 1924
Louis Selig, Eureka Lodge, No. 317	January 21, 1925
N. E. Griggs, Eureka Lodge, No. 317	March 12, 1925
J. J. Morris, Eureka Lodge, No. 317	April 12, 1925
T. F. Bagley, Wilmington Lodge, No. 319	June 4, 1925
T. E. Sprunt, Wilmington Lodge, No. 319	March 3, 1925
J. D. Adams, Selma Lodge, No. 320	January 4, 1925
J. L. Harrison, Granite Lodge, No. 322	October 16, 1924
R. M. Wray, Granite Lodge, No. 322	March 28, 1925
J. F. Allred, Granite Lodge, No. 322	May 10, 1925
J. M. Carson, Bayboro Lodge, No. 331	October 23, 1924
J. T. Cooper, Bayboro Lodge, No. 331	January 10, 1925
Leroy Harper, Bayboro Lodge, No. 331	March 25, 1925
R. M. Daniels, Bayboro Lodge, No. 331	June 15, 1925
W. L. Buck, Rowland Lodge, No. 335	April 30, 1925
E. C. McNeill, Rowland Lodge, No. 335	June 5, 1925
N. F. Watterson, Fairview Lodge, No. 339	July 8, 1924
E. J. Little, Jr., Fairview Lodge, No. 339	August 7, 1924
A. G. Kendrick, Fairview Lodge, No. 339	August 9, 1924
F. Dilling, Fairview Lodge, No. 339	November 2, 1924
S. B. Rhea, Fairview Lodge, No. 339	June 10, 1925
Peter Forehand, Harmony Lodge, No. 340	April 6, 1925
N. M. Seagle, Hickory Lodge, No. 343	March 31, 1925
J. A. Lentz, Hickory Lodge, No. 343	April 8, 1925
M. T. Choplin, Numa F. Reid Lodge, No. 344	August 1, 1924
D. B. Bodenhamer, Numa F. Reid Lodge, No. 344	August 27, 1924
J. R. Pennington, Numa F. Reid Lodge, No. 344	January 9, 1925
M. L. Burke, Numa F. Reid Lodge, No. 344	August 17, 1924
C. J. Reaves, Numa F. Reid Lodge, No. 344	June 10, 1925
W. F. Swaringen, Stanly Lodge, No. 348	September 4, 1924
S. S. Huneycutt, Stanly Lodge, No. 348	November 16, 1924
J. N. Anderson, Stanly Lodge, No. 344	February 16, 1925
Jno. Rogers, Stanly Lodge, No. 344	March 15, 1925
H. E. Murphy, Durham Lodge, No. 352	June 20, 1925
W. J. Griswald, Durham Lodge, No. 352	March 16, 1925
C. E. Lowe, Moravian Lodge, No. 353	December 1, 1924
R. H. Wright, Fallston Lodge, No. 356	January 17, 1925
A. H. Cornwall, Fallston Lodge, No. 356	August 12, 1925
O. E. Carothers, Gastonia Lodge, No. 369	August 26, 1924
S. W. Bradley, Gastonia Lodge, No. 369	November 1924
H. B. Pattillo, Gastonia Lodge, No. 369	February 1924
T. W. Campbell, Gastonia Lodge, No. 369	October 21, 1924
W. E. Smith, Mars Hill Lodge, No. 370	January 9, 1925
J. B. Calahan, Mars Hill Lodge, No. 370	June 10, 1925
George Wharton, Mars Hill Lodge, No. 370	August 29, 1925
J. C. Hines, Sr., Bethel Lodge, No. 372	August 14, 1924
I. R. Johnston, Campbell Lodge, No. 374	January 3, 1925

D. F. Watson, Campbell Lodge, No. 374	February 24, 1925
G. R. Mills, Campbell Lodge, No. 374	May 1, 1925
M. T. Wilkie, Life Boat Lodge, No. 376	November 18, 1924
W. C. Maddox, Life Boat Lodge, No. 376	May 27, 1925
E. V. Lawrence, Life Boat Lodge, No. 376	January 10, 1925
J. C. Winston, Youngsville Lodge, No. 377	July 14, 1924
R. C. Underwood, Youngsville Lodge, No. 377	February 1, 1925
W. H. Green, Youngsville Lodge, No. 377	February 28, 1925
J. S. Lumpkins, Youngsville Lodge, No. 377	May 31, 1925
J. B. Vess, Forest City Lodge, No. 381	August 24, 1924
Charles H. Balsey, Reidsville Lodge, No. 384	August 19, 1924
Harry N. Ware, Reidsville Lodge, No. 384	July 30, 1924
Allen Jones, Scottsville Lodge, No. 385	August 20, 1924
G. W. Perkins, Scottsville Lodge, No. 385	December 14, 1924
J. R. Ables, Pigeon River Lodge, No. 386	October 10, 1924
Wiley M. Johnson, Pigeon River Lodge, No. 386	January 4, 1925
L. L. Johnson, Kedron Lodge, No. 387	October 2, 1924
C. M. Pace, Kedron Lodge, No. 387	March 25, 1925
J. C. Davis, Mooresville Lodge, No. 388	September 20, 1924
John Gunter, White Rock Lodge, No. 392	May 4, 1925
W. H. Runnion, White Rock Lodge, No. 392	July 6, 1925
C. H. Washington, Tally Ho Lodge, No. 393	August 22, 1924
Chas. C. Pinckney, Orient Lodge, No. 395	May 22, 1925
H. G. Smallbones, Orient Lodge, No. 395	March 27, 1925
Rev. R. H. Marsh, Oxford Lodge, No. 396	Oct. 6, 1924
H. H. Hicks, Oxford Lodge, No. 396	Feb. 11, 1925
J. H. Pervis, Conoho Lodge, No. 399	May 10, 1925
J. M. Venable, Dobson Lodge, No. 402	June 13, 1925
Dr. B. R. Anderson, Denton Lodge, No. 404	April 9, 1925
S. T. Harrell, Ocean Lodge, No. 405	September 15, 1924
W. H. Hilliard, Ocean Lodge, No. 405	April 10, 1925
G. C. Pickard, University Lodge, No. 408	August 4, 1924
W. R. Lloyd, University Lodge, No. 408	March 21, 1925
A. W. Mangum, University Lodge, No. 408	October 2, 1925
W. D. Farmer, Rockwell Lodge, No. 411	July 16, 1924
S. W. Greenway, Henry F. Grainger Lodge, No. 412	Mar. 7, 1925
L. M. Barnes, Henry F. Grainger Lodge, No. 412	April 7, 1925
J. J. Barrow, Louisburg Lodge, No. 413	July 25, 1924
Lewis Kline, Louisburg Lodge, No. 413	October 19, 1924
J. C. Everett, Maxton Lodge, No. 417	October 31, 1924
J. B. Lanier, Maxton Lodge, No. 417	September 15, 1924
R. M. Johnson, Potecasi Lodge, No. 418	January 28, 1925
Arthur O. Baggott, Greenwood Lodge, No. 419	May 19, 1925
Daniel A. McMillan, Greenwood Lodge, No. 419	June 16, 1925
W. M. Evans, Sparta Lodge, No. 423	July 20, 1924
J. W. Williams, Baltimore Lodge, No. 424	May 12, 1925
Oliver Peterson, Eastern Star Lodge, No. 425	May 25, 1924
E. B. Akin, Montgomery Lodge, No. 426	August 18, 1924
Sam Ammons, Oconee Lodge, No. 427	July 29, 1924

Geo. Lefler, Oconee Lodge, No. 427	October 12, 1924
F. W. McGuire, Oconee Lodge, No. 427	July 14, 1924
J. A. Ensley, Oconee Lodge, No. 427	August 1, 1924
J. M. Hilton, Stokesdale Lodge, No. 428	May 13, 1925
R. L. Heady, Sea Side Lodge, No. 429	October 10, 1924
D. G. Ward, Sea Side Lodge, No. 429	January 8, 1925
J. H. Isaacks, Rockford Lodge, No. 430	January 13, 1925
W. H. Wolfe, Rockford Lodge, No. 430	June 9, 1925
J. L. Herron, Piney Creek Lodge, No. 432	October 3, 1924
L. V. Lancaster, Vanceboro Lodge, No. 433	February 17, 1925
John Norton, Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 435	September 19, 1924
J. N. Mason, Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 435	1924
J. G. Edwards, Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 435	April 5, 1925
W. M. Seagraves, Clingman Lodge, No. 440	March 27, 1925
J. W. Boyd, Clingman Lodge, No. 440	May 27, 1925
W. S. Davenport, Roper Lodge, No. 443	December 17, 1924
J. M. Kivett, Marietta Lodge, No. 444	January 8, 1925
J. O. Forrester, Marietta Lodge, No. 444	May 4, 1925
Clarance M. McCall, Biltmore Lodge, No. 446	August 31, 1924
R. E. Shuford, Biltmore Lodge, No. 446	November 19, 1924
James M. Caledine, Biltmore Lodge, No. 446	February 8, 1925
Chas. A. Hoitt, Biltmore Lodge, No. 446	April 7, 1925
J. M. Brookshire, Biltmore Lodge, No. 446	June 9, 1925
M. N. Robinson, Clyde Lodge, No. 453	December 31, 1924
W. P. Fincher, Clyde Lodge, No. 453	July 2, 1924
J. L. Grahl, Clyde Lodge, No. 453	January 20, 1925
R. L. Poindexter, Elkin Lodge, No. 454	September 24, 1924
Ransom Renegar, Rusk Lodge, No. 456	December 22, 1924
W. G. Stanley, Rusk Lodge, No. 456	October 3, 1924
N. E. Alberty, Rusk Lodge, No. 456	March 22, 1925
H. A. Wall, Henrietta Lodge, No. 460	January 10, 1925
Thos. Wallace, Henrietta Lodge, No. 460	January 10, 1925
W. T. Ballentine, Matthews Lodge, No. 461	February 22, 1925
D. W. Hartis, Matthews Lodge, No. 461	December 1924
J. W. Bridges, Boiling Springs Lodge, No. 464	May 27, 1925
C. K. McCraw, Boiling Springs Lodge, No. 464	October 5, 1924
W. M. Farington, Crumpler Lodge, No. 467	January 1925
E. W. Hyman, Scotland Neck Lodge, No. 470	December 17, 1924
W. E. Whitmore, Scotland Neck Lodge, No. 470	May 1925
R. R. Bell, Grassy Knob Lodge, No. 471	July 24, 1924
Dr. J. E. Wilson, Sonoma Lodge, No. 472	February 15, 1925
D. R. Cecil, Lexington Lodge, No. 473	November 27, 1924
D. F. Conrad, Lexington Lodge, No. 473	February 20, 1925
T. H. Lamb, Lexington Lodge, No. 473	May 4, 1925
H. B. Varner, Lexington Lodge, No. 473	April 27, 1925
N. T. Humphrey, St. Paul's Lodge, No. 474	July 21, 1924
W. S. Johnson, St. Paul's Lodge, No. 474	June 7, 1925
Fred Edwards, Grimesland Lodge, No. 475	December 14, 1924
J. Marshal Cox, Grimesland Lodge, No. 475	November 25, 1924

W. L. Clark, Grimesland Lodge, No. 475	May 28, 1925
J. A. Marton, Big Lick Lodge, No. 476	March 28, 1925
I. M. Massingill, Four Oaks Lodge, No. 478	March 12, 1925
A. A. Queen, Saluda Lodge, No. 482	June 4, 1925
W. D. Crabb, Trap Hill Lodge, No. 483	March 5, 1925
E. M. Yount, Statesville Lodge, No. 483	November 19, 1924
B. F. Long, Statesville Lodge, No. 483	March 14, 1925
J. H. Hoffman, Statesville Lodge, No. 483	January 9, 1925
L. C. Webb, Linville Lodge, No. 489	August 3, 1924
Grant Estlow, Tos. M. Holt Lodge, No. 492	August 11, 1924
Rev. W. S. Long, Thos. M. Holt Lodge, No. 492	August 3, 1924
J. A. McAuley, Rockingham Lodge, No. 495	June 6, 1925
G. L. McKnight, Mooresville Lodge, No. 496	August 20, 1924
J. S. Fisher, Mooresville Lodge, No. 496	October 5, 1924
O. L. Mungum, Creedmoor Lodge, No. 499	February 18, 1925
A. R. Walters, Raleigh Lodge, No. 500	January 13, 1925
H. H. Gardner, Raleigh Lodge, No. 500	September 19, 1924
Dr. A. W. Green, Luke McGlaughan Lodge, No. 504	Feb. 4, 1925
G. Self Mason, Cherryville Lodge, No. 505	March 14, 1925
W. M. Brannon, Unaka Lodge, No. 506	July 25, 1925
Edwards S. Waters, Belhaven Lodge, No. 509	June 6, 1925
Vird Colvard, Sylva Lodge, No. 513	May 21, 1925
J. E. Underwood, Scotland Lodge, No. 514	April 8, 1924
H. H. Fraley, Whetstone Lodge, No. 515	October 19, 1925
Ira Midgett, Wanchese Lodge, No. 521	March 22, 1925
E. A. Pearsall, Warsaw Lodge, No. 522	March 2, 1925
J. M. Loftin, Warsaw Lodge, No. 522	March 4, 1925
J. W. Smith, Winterville Lodge, No. 523	February 4, 1924
B. T. Smith, Winterville Lodge, No. 523	May 11, 1925
H. E. Ellis, Winterville Lodge, No. 523	April 9, 1925
David Sutton, Winterville Lodge, No. 523	March 2, 1925
W. B. Wingate, Winterville Lodge, No. 523	June 20, 1925
A. S. Davis, Rodgers Lodge, No. 525	October 9, 1924
J. I. Hill, Fairmont Lodge, No. 528	May 11, 1925
C. F. Carter, Joppa Lodge, No. 530	July 24, 1924
Vaughan Byrd, Hamlet Lodge, No. 532	March 22, 1925
R. B. Freeman, Hamlet Lodge, No. 532	October 3, 1924
W. M. Bridgers, Hollis Lodge, No. 535	September 10, 1925
F. A. Goodrum, Williams Lodge, No. 538	November 15, 1924
C. R. McCauley, Caswell Lodge, No. 539	January 31, 1925
J. T. Rodgers, Caswell Lodge, No. 539	January 12, 1925
J. S. Roscoe, Caswell Lodge, No. 539	March 21, 1925
M. C. Sneed, Corinthian Lodge, No. 542	January 12, 1925
J. W. Miller, Spencer Lodge, No. 543	November 21, 1924
L. C. Berry, Bee Log Lodge, No. 548	February 14, 1925
Jesse Carter, Jr., Roman Eagle Lodge, No. 550	October 30, 1924
H. L. Williams, Revolution Lodge, No. 552	October 21, 1924
D. H. S. Tappan, Vesper Lodge, No. 554	January 6, 1925
W. G. Carter, Elsie Lodge, No. 555	June 20, 1925

Rev. E. Handy, Sulphur Springs Lodge, No. 560,	November 20, 1924
T. H. Patterson, Tabor Lodge, No. 563	November 19, 1924
F. W. Glover, Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 569	July 2, 1924
Benjamin Hoffman, Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 573	April 30, 1925
J. S. McCubbins, Andrew Jackson Lodge, No. 576,	Nov. 2, 1924
O. C. Fortenberry, Casar Lodge, No. 579	February 1925
J. B. Bridges, Ionic Lodge, No. 583	June 15, 1925
J. L. Reeves, Roseboro Lodge, No. 585	September 13, 1924
C. L. Hobbs, Roseboro Lodge, No. 585	January 16, 1925
J. P. Ellis, Bethel Lodge, No. 589	July 1924
M. F. Kirby, Helton Lodge, No. 594	May 20, 1925
R. T. Waugh, Stony Point Lodge, No. 593	May 26, 1925
Park Fitzugh, Wallace Lodge, No. 595	February 6, 1925
Zerin L. Merritt, Waccamaw Lodge, No. 596	December 5, 1924
W. M. Dunn, Cranberry Lodge, No. 598	January 31, 1925
Sam Morgan, Cranberry Lodge, No. 598	February 24, 1925
J. V. Gurley, Queen City Lodge, No. 602	March 1, 1925
Wm. L. Little, Jr., Queen City Lodge, No. 602	June 3, 1925
W. R. Slagle, Skyuka Lodge, No. 605	July 14, 1924
C. C. Powell, Chadbourn Lodge, No. 607	July 26, 1924
D. C. Clark, Chadbourn Lodge, No. 607	December 22, 1924
T. J. Rabon, Chadbourn Lodge, No. 607	March 19, 1925
S. E. Cain, Chadbourn Lodge, No. 607	September 21, 1921
N. P. Sneed, Grandview Lodge, No. 608	August 24, 1924
G. G. Massey, Zebulon Lodge, No. 609	December 4, 1924
Harry L. Bates, Glendon Lodge, No. 610	March 1925
J. J. Coley, Sr., Home Lodge, No. 613	July 12, 1925
F. B. Mayo, Home Lodge, No. 613	September 11, 1925
J. H. Best, Home Lodge, No. 613	March 1, 1925
G. W. Ray, Sunrise Lodge, No. 615	March 1925
N. J. McManus, Midland Lodge, No. 618	December 23, 1924
J. W. Andrews, Castalia Lodge, No. 619	September 20, 1924
H. R. Griffin, Castalia Lodge, No. 619	September 8, 1924
Hazy Johnson, Little River Lodge, No. 620	August 2, 1925
C. D. Stewart, Coats Lodge, No. 622	October 2, 1924
T. V. Stewart, Coats Lodge, No. 622	January 30, 1925
H. C. Roberts, Coats Lodge, No. 622	April 28, 1925
W. Wiles, Mt. Pisgah Lodge, No. 623	March 12, 1925
R. E. Debnam, J. H. Mills Lodge, No. 624	March 10, 1925
M. W. Sanford, Belmont Lodge, No. 627	July 16, 1924
G. F. Gullick, Belmont Lodge, No. 627	October 4, 1924
C. E. Tucker, Belmont Lodge, No. 627	January 4, 1925
A. V. Bobbitt, Goldsboro Lodge, No. 634	June 17, 1925
E. F. Ruff, Mill Spring Lodge, No. 636	March 13, 1925
J. W. Smith, Victory Lodge, No. 642	September 16, 1924
T. R. Albea, Harmony Lodge, No. 651	November 29, 1924
Rev. J. A. Scott, Harmony Lodge, No. 651	February 15, 1925
L. B. Rinehardt, Keller Memorial Lodge, No. 657	April 20, 1925

Statistics

GRAND OFFICERS (ELECTIVE) OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM ORGANIZATION IN 1787 TO 1926

Grand Master	Deputy Grand Master	Senior Grand Warden	Junior Grand Warden	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1787 Samuel Johnston	Richard Caswell	Richard Ellis	Michael Payne	Abner Neale	James Glasgow
1788 Richard Caswell	Michael Payne	James Glasgow	Silas White Arnett	Stephen Cabarrus	William J. Dawson
1789 Samuel Johnston	James Glasgow	Silas White Arnett	Lunsford Long	Stephen Cabarrus	William J. Dawson
1790 Samuel Johnston	James Glasgow	Stephen Cabarrus	Isaac Guion	Frederick Hargett	Matthias Handy
1791 Samuel Johnston	James Glasgow	Stephen Cabarrus	Lunsford Long	Frederick Hargett	Matthias Handy
1792 William Richardson Davie	James Glasgow	Lunsford Long	John Macon	Frederick Hargett	James Ellis
1793 William Richardson Davie	James Glasgow	John Macon	John Louis Taylor	Frederick Hargett	Richard W. Freear
1794 William Richardson Davie	James Glasgow	John Louis Taylor	John Ingles	Walter Alvis	Richard W. Freear
1795 William Richardson Davie	James Glasgow	John Louis Taylor	Henry Hill	John Macon	Robert Williams
1796 William Richardson Davie	James Glasgow	John Louis Taylor	Montfort Stokes	Richard W. Freear	Robert Williams
1797 William Richardson Davie	James Glasgow	John Louis Taylor	Montfort Stokes	Richard W. Freear	Robert Williams
1798 William Richardson Davie	John Haywood	Montfort Stokes	David Caldwell	Henry Potter	Robert Williams
1799 William Polk	John Louis Taylor	Montfort Stokes	Waighstill Avery	Henry Potter	Robert Williams
1800 William Polk	John Louis Taylor	Montfort Stokes	John Winslow	Henry Potter	Robert Williams
1801 William Polk	John Louis Taylor	Montfort Stokes	William Duffy	William Boylan	Robert Williams
1802 John Louis Taylor	Montfort Stokes	John Hall	Nathaniel Alexander	William Boylan	Robert Williams
1803 John Louis Taylor	Montfort Stokes	John Hall	William Duffy	William Boylan	Robert Williams
1804 John Louis Taylor	Montfort Stokes	John Hall	Robert Cochran	William Boylan	Robert Williams
1805 John Hall	Montfort Stokes	Robert Cochran	William Duffy	William Boylan	Robert Williams
1806 John Hall	Montfort Stokes	Robert Cochran	William Duffy	William Boylan	Robert Williams
1807 John Hall	Montfort Stokes	Benjamin Smith	George Lee Davidson	William Boylan	Robert Williams
1808 Benjamin Smith	Robert Williams	George Lee Davidson	Andrew Caldwell	William Boylan	Thomas L. Williams
1809 Benjamin Smith	Robert Williams	Montfort Stokes	Calvin Jones	William Boylan	Thomas L. Williams
1810 Benjamin Smith	Robert Williams	Calvin Jones	George Lee Davidson	William Boylan	Thomas L. Williams
1811 Robert Williams	Jeremiah Slade	Calvin Jones	George Lee Davidson	William Boylan	Alexander Lucas
1812 Robert Williams	Jeremiah Slade	Calvin Jones	William Miller	William Boylan	Alexander Lucas
1813 Robert Williams	Jeremiah Slade	Calvin Jones	William Miller	William Boylan	Robert Williams
1814 John Louis Taylor	Jeremiah Slade	Calvin Jones	William Miller	William Boylan	Robert Williams
1815 John Louis Taylor	Jeremiah Slade	Calvin Jones	William Miller	William Boylan	Robert Williams

1816 John Louis Taylor	Kemp Plummer	Calvin Jones	William Miller	William Boylan	Alexander Lucas
1817 Calvin Jones	John Winslow	James Iredell	Simmons Jones Baker	William Boylan	Alexander Lucas
1818 Calvin Jones	John Winslow	Louis Dicken Wilson	Leonard Henderson	William Boylan	Alexander Lucas
1819 Calvin Jones	James Iredell	Louis Dicken Wilson	Leonard Henderson	William Boylan	Alexander Lucas
1820 John Adams Cameron	Frederick Nash	Louis Dicken Wilson	John C. Ehringhaus	William Boylan	Bazaleel Gillett
1821 John Adams Cameron		James Strudwick Smith	Joseph H. Bryan	William Boylan	Benjamin A. Barham
1822 James Strudwick Smith	James Iredell	Joseph H. Bryan	Richard Dobbs Spaight	William Boylan	Benjamin A. Barham
1823 Robert Strange	Francis Lister Hawks	Thomas Clancy	Bazaleel Gillett	William Boylan	Alexander J. Lawrence
1824 Robert Strange	Francis Lister Hawks	Thomas A. Pasteur	Bazaleel Gillett	Benjamin A. Barham	Alexander J. Lawrence
1825 Hutchins Gordon Burton	Francis Lister Hawks	George E. Spruill	Louis Dicken Wilson	Benjamin A. Barham	Alexander J. Lawrence
1826 Hutchins Gordon Burton	Francis Lister Hawks	George E. Spruill	Louis Dicken Wilson	Benjamin A. Barham	Alexander J. Lawrence
1827 Louis Dicken Wilson	John E. Lewis	George E. Spruill	Jesse Speight	Benjamin A. Barham	Alexander J. Lawrence
1828 Louis Dicken Wilson	John Owen	James Grant	Samuel F. Patterson	Benjamin A. Barham	John C. Stedman
1829 Louis Dicken Wilson	John Owen	James Grant	Samuel F. Patterson	Benjamin A. Barham	John C. Stedman
1830 Richard Dobbs Spaight	Samuel F. Patterson	George Blair	John Hill Wheeler	Benjamin A. Barham	John C. Stedman
1831 Richard Dobbs Spaight	Samuel F. Patterson	Rufus Haywood	Daniel Coleman	Benjamin A. Barham	Charles D. Lehman
1832 Simmons Jones Baker	William Davidson	Gray Little	John G. Marshall	Dirk Lindeman	Thomas J. Lemay
1833 Samuel F. Patterson	David W. Stone	Daniel Coleman	Edmun B. Freeman	Dirk Lindeman	John J. Christophers
1834 Samuel F. Patterson	David W. Stone	Daniel Coleman	John G. Marshall	Dirk Lindeman	John J. Christophers
1835 Lewis H. Martseller	David W. Stone	Daniel Coleman	Edmun B. Freeman	Green W. Ligon	John J. Christophers
1836 Lewis H. Martseller	David W. Stone	Henry Blount	James MacIn	Green W. Ligon	William T. Bain
1837 David W. Stone	Thomas L. B. Gregory	William W. Cherry	William B. Dunn	Celadon W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1838 David W. Stone	Kenneth Rayner	William W. Cherry	Duncan G. McRae	Celadon W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1839 David W. Stone	William B. Dunn	John G. Marshall	Daniel S. Crenshaw	Celadon W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1840 Simmons Jones Baker	William S. Baker	Daniel S. Crenshaw	Kader Biggs	Celadon W. D. Hutchings	William A. Harrison
1841 Daniel Sanford Crenshaw	Thomas Loring	Thomas E. Pender	Davis Young	Celadon W. D. Hutchings	William A. Harrison
1842 John Hill Wheeler	Jonathan H. Jacobs	Thomas E. Pender	Davis Young	Celadon W. D. Hutchings	William A. Harrison
1843 John Hill Wheeler	David Lowry Swain	Phineas W. Fanning	William P. Taylor	Celadon W. D. Hutchings	William A. Harrison
1844 Phineas W. Fanning	David W. Stone	Thomas S. Clark	Arthur S. Mooring	Celadon W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1845 Phineas W. Fanning	Thomas Loring	Wiley W. Johnson	Talcott Burr	Celadon W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1846 Phineas W. Fanning	William Gott	John H. Drake	Peter Adams	Celadon W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1847 William F. Collins	Clement H. Jordan	Talcott Burr	William H. Mead	Celadon W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1848 William F. Collins	Clement H. Jordan	John H. Drake	Job Hiatt	Celadon W. D. Hutchings	William T. Bain

GRAND OFFICERS (ELECTIVE) OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM ORGANIZATION IN 1787 TO 1926

Grand Master	Deputy Grand Master	Senior Grand Warden	Junior Grand Warden	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1849 William F. Collins	Clement H. Jordan	William G. Hill	Job Hiatt	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1850 Alonzo T. Jenkins	Cyrus P. Mendenhall	Luke Blackmer	James E. Allen	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1851 Alonzo T. Jenkins	Cyrus P. Mendenhall	Luke Blackmer	James E. Allen	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1852 Alonzo T. Jenkins	Cyrus P. Mendenhall	Luke Blackmer	William P. Taylor	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1853 Clement H. Jordan	William P. Taylor	Peter Adams	James H. Moore	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1854 Clement H. Jordan	William P. Taylor	William K. Blake	Joseph Green	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1855 Pleasant A. Holt	William P. Taylor	William K. Blake	Joseph Green	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1856 Pleasant A. Holt	Alfred Martin	James T. Alexander	F. M. Cox	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1857 Alfred Martin	Lewis S. Williams	James T. Alexander	F. M. Cox	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1858 Alfred Martin	Lewis S. Williams	Henry C. Lucas	Daniel Coleman	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1859 Lewis S. Williams	Eli W. Ward	Henry C. Lucas	Eli F. Watson	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1860 Lewis S. Williams	Eli W. Ward	James E. Allen	Charles O. Clark	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1861 William G. Hill	Eli Watson	Daniel Coleman	Rufus K. Speed	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1862 Eli F. Watson	Edwin Godwin Reade	John McCormick	Rufus K. Speed	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1863 Eli F. Watson	Edwin Godwin Reade	John McCormick	Robert W. Best	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1864 John McCormick	Eugene Grissom	Robert W. Best	David H. Stephenson	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1865 Edwin Godwin Reade	John M. Happoldt	Robert W. Best	John Nichols	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1866 Edwin Godwin Reade	Robert W. Best	William Lander	John Nichols	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1867 Robert W. Best	James G. Ramsey	Robert B. Vance	Thomas M. Gardner	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	William T. Bain
1868 Robert B. Vance	Ellis Malone	Joseph B. Batchelor	Samuel H. Rountree	Celadon W.D. Hutchings	Donald W. Bain
1869 Robert B. Vance	Ellis Malone	John Nichols	Samuel H. Rountree	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1870 Charles C. Clark	Joseph B. Batchelor	John Nichols	Samuel H. Rountree	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1871 Charles C. Clark	Joseph B. Batchelor	John Nichols	Clinton A. Cilley	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1872 John Nichols	Thomas M. Gardner	Clinton A. Cilley	Robert W. Hardie	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1873 John Nichols	Thomas M. Gardner	Clinton A. Cilley	Robert W. Hardie	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1874 George W. Blount	Clinton A. Cilley	Samuel C. Shelton	Horace H. Munson	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1875 George W. Blount	Eugene Grissom	Horace H. Munson	Robert V. Blackstock	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1876 Horace H. Munson	Clinton A. Cilley	Robert W. Hardie	James C. L. Gudger	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1877 Horace H. Munson	Thomas S. Kenan	Robert W. Hardie	James C. L. Gudger	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain

1878	William R. Cox	James O. L. Gudger	Charles W. Alexander	Henry F. Grainger	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1879	William R. Cox	James C. L. Gudger	Charles W. Alexander	Henry F. Grainger	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1880	Henry F. Grainger	James W. Reid	Robert Bingham	Charles H. Robinson	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1881	Henry F. Grainger	James W. Reid	Robert Bingham	Charles H. Robinson	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1882	Robert Bingham	Fabius H. Busbee	Charles H. Robinson	William T. Kennedy	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1884	Robert Bingham	Fabius H. Busbee	Charles H. Robinson	Samuel H. Smith	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1885	Fabius H. Busbee	Charles H. Robinson	Samuel H. Smith	Hezekiah A. Gudger	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1886	Fabius H. Busbee	Charles H. Robinson	Samuel H. Smith	Hezekiah A. Gudger	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1887	Charles H. Robinson	Samuel H. Smith	Hezekiah A. Gudger	John W. Cotten	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1888	Charles H. Robinson	Samuel H. Smith	Hezekiah A. Gudger	John W. Cotten	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1889	Samuel H. Smith	Hezekiah A. Gudger	John W. Cotten	Francis M. Moye	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1890	Samuel H. Smith	Hezekiah A. Gudger	John W. Cotten	Francis M. Moye	William E. Anderson	Donald W. Bain
1891	Hezekiah A. Gudger	John W. Cotten	Francis M. Moye	Richard J. Noble	Darius S. Waitt	Donald W. Bain
1892	Hezekiah A. Gudger	John W. Cotten	Francis M. Moye	Richard J. Noble	William Simpson	Donald W. Bain
1893	John W. Cotten	Francis M. Moye	Richard J. Noble	Walter E. Moore	William Simpson	William H. Bain
1894	John W. Cotten	Francis M. Moye	Richard J. Noble	Walter E. Moore	William Simpson	William H. Bain
1895	Francis M. Moye	Richard J. Noble	Walter E. Moore	James A. Leach	William Simpson	John C. Drewry
1896	Francis M. Moye	William H. Summerell	Walter E. Moore	Beverly S. Royster	William Simpson	John C. Drewry
1897	Walter E. Moore	Richard J. Noble	Beverly S. Royster	Henry Irwin Clark	William Simpson	John C. Drewry
1898	Walter E. Moore	Richard J. Noble	Beverly S. Royster	Henry Irwin Clark	William Simpson	John C. Drewry
1899	Richard J. Noble	Beverly S. Royster	Henry Irwin Clark	Walter S. Liddell	William Simpson	John C. Drewry
1900	Beverly S. Royster	Henry Irwin Clark	Walter S. Liddell	Francis D. Winston	William Simpson	John C. Drewry
1901	Beverly S. Royster	Henry Irwin Clark	Walter S. Liddell	Francis D. Winston	William Simpson	John C. Drewry
1902	Henry Irwin Clark	Walter S. Liddell	Francis D. Winston	Samuel M. Gattis	William Simpson	John C. Drewry
1903	Henry Irwin Clark	Walter S. Liddell	Francis D. Winston	Samuel M. Gattis	William Simpson	John C. Drewry
1904	Walter S. Liddell	Francis D. Winston	Samuel M. Gattis	Richard N. Hackett	William Simpson	John C. Drewry
1905	Walter S. Liddell	Francis D. Winston	Samuel M. Gattis	Richard N. Hackett	Leo. D. Heartt	John C. Drewry
1906	Francis D. Winston	Samuel M. Gattis	Richard N. Hackett	William B. McKoy	Leo. D. Heartt	John C. Drewry
1907	Francis D. Winston	Samuel M. Gattis	Richard N. Hackett	William B. McKoy	Leo. D. Heartt	John C. Drewry
1908	Samuel M. Gattis	Richard N. Hackett	William B. McKoy	Francis M. Winchester	Leo. D. Heartt	John C. Drewry
1909	Samuel M. Gattis	Richard N. Hackett	William B. McKoy	Francis M. Winchester	Leo. D. Heartt	John C. Drewry
1910	Richard N. Hackett	William B. McKoy	Francis M. Winchester	John T. Alderman	Leo. D. Heartt	John C. Drewry
1911	Richard N. Hackett	William B. McKoy	Francis M. Winchester	John T. Alderman	Leo. D. Heartt	John C. Drewry

GRAND OFFICERS (ELECTIVE) OF NORTH CAROLINA FROM ORGANIZATION IN 1787 TO 1926

Grand Master	Deputy Grand Master	Senior Grand Warden	Junior Grand Warden	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1912 William B. McKay	Francis M. Winchester	John T. Alderman	Frank P. Hobgood, Jr.	Leo. D. Heartt	John O. Drewry
1913 Francis M. Winchester	John T. Alderman	Frank P. Hobgood, Jr.	A. B. Andrews, Jr.	Leo. D. Heartt	John O. Drewry
1914 John T. Alderman	Frank P. Hobgood, Jr.	A. B. Andrews, Jr.	Claude L. Pridgen	Leo. D. Heartt	John O. Drewry
1915 Frank P. Hobgood, Jr.	A. B. Andrews, Jr.	Claude L. Pridgen	Geo. S. Norfleet	Leo. D. Heartt	John O. Drewry
1916 A. B. Andrews, Jr.	Claude L. Pridgen	Geo. S. Norfleet	Henry A. Grady	Leo. D. Heartt	John O. Drewry
1917 Claude L. Pridgen	Geo. S. Norfleet	Henry A. Grady	James C. Braswell	Leo. D. Heartt	William W. Willson
1918 George S. Norfleet	Henry A. Grady	James C. Braswell	J. Bailey Owen	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Willson
1919 Henry A. Grady	James C. Braswell	J. Bailey Owen	James H. Webb	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Willson
1920 James C. Braswell	J. Bailey Owen	James H. Webb	Hubert M. Poteat	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Willson
1921 J. Bailey Owen	James H. Webb	Hubert M. Poteat	J. LeGrand Everett	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Willson
1922 James H. Webb	Hubert M. Poteat	J. LeGrand Everett	Leon Cash	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Willson
1923 Hubert M. Poteat	J. LeGrand Everett	Leon Cash	John E. Cameron	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Willson
1924 J. LeGrand Everett	Leon Cash	John E. Cameron	J. H. Anderson	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Willson
1925 Leon Cash	John E. Cameron	J. H. Anderson	R. C. Dunn	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Willson
1926 John E. Cameron	J. H. Anderson	R. C. Dunn	J. J. Phoenix	Benjamin R. Lacy	William W. Willson

GRAND LODGES—MONTHS OF MEETINGS, ADDRESSES OF GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Month	Grand Master	Address	Grand Secretary	Address
Alabama	December	D. C. Carmichael	Dothan	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery
Arizona	February	C. H. Colman	Yuma	George J. Roskrug	Tucson
Arkansas	November	S. O. Whaley	Sulphur Springs	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock
California	October	David J. Reese	Ventura	John Whitcher	San Francisco
Colorado	September	Wm. N. Valle	Denver	Wm. W. Cooper	Denver
Connecticut	February	W. T. Arnold	Meriden	George A. Kies	Hartford
Delaware	October	Chas. D. Bird	Wilmington	John F. Robinson	Wilmington
Dis. of Columbia	December	Roe Fulkerson	Washington	J. Claude Keiper	Washington
Florida	April	T. T. Todd	Pensacola	Wilber F. Webster	Jacksonville
Georgia	October	Jas. D. Hamrick	Carrollton	Frank F. Baker	Macon
Illinois	September	Frank Knox	Emmett	Curtis F. Pike	Boise
Idaho	October	R. C. Davenport	Harrisburg	Owen Scott	Decatur
Indiana	May	J. L. Dinwiddie	Fowler	William H. Swintz	Indianapolis
Iowa	June	Ernest R. Moore	Cedar Rapids	C. C. Hunt	Cedar Rapids
Kansas	February	Chas. A. Louchs	Lakin	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka
Kentucky	October	H. M. Grundy	Springfield	Fred W. Hardwick	Louisville
Louisiana	February	H. B. Conner	St. Joseph	John A. Davilla	New Orleans
Maine	May	D. E. Moulton	Portland	Chas. B. Davis	Portland
Maryland	November	Warren S. Seipp	Baltimore	George Cook	Baltimore
Massachusetts	December	Dudley H. Ferrell	Lynn	F. W. Hamilton	Boston
Michigan	May	Chas. A. Durand	Flint	Lou B. Windsor	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	January	Hayden French	Ortonville	John Fishel	St. Paul
Mississippi	February	Thos. Q. Ellis	Water Valley	E. L. Faucette	Meridian
Missouri	October	O. Mitchell	St. Joseph	Frank R. Jesse	St. Louis
Montana	August	H. L. Hart	Helena	Luther T. Hanberg	Helena, Box 896
Nebraska	June	Robt. R. Dickson	O'Neill	Francis E. White	Omaha
Nevada	June	Edward R. Ducker	Carson City	Edward D. Vanderlieth	Reno
New Hampshire	May	F. E. Everett	Concord	Harry M. Cheney	Concord
New Jersey	April	Andrew Foulds, Jr.	Passaic	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	February	Jaffa Miller	Roswell	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New York	May	W. A. Rowan	New York	Robt. J. Kenworthy	New York City
NORTH CAROLINA	JANUARY	*JOHN E. CAMERON	KINSTON	WM. W. WILLSON	RALEIGH
North Dakota	June	T. S. Henry	Valley City	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Ohio	October	Jas. B. Ruhl	Cleveland	H. S. Johnson	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	February	G. B. Bristow	Rosevelt	Wm. N. Anderson	Guthrie
Oregon	June	Oliver P. Coshov	Salem	D. R. Cheney	Portland
Pennsylvania	December	Samuel M. Goodyear	Philadelphia	John A. Perry	Philadelphia
Rhode Island	May	John H. Brierly	Newport	S. Penrose Williams	Providence
South Carolina	March	Chas. K. Chretzberg	Rock Hill	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	June	Frederick Treon	Chamberlain	Geo. A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls

* Died March 28, 1926

GRAND LODGES—MONTHS OF MEETINGS, ADDRESSES OF GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Month	Grand Master	Address	Grand Secretary	Address
Tennessee	January	Chas. W. Polk	Millington	Stith M. Cain	Nashville
Texas	December	Guinn Williams	Decatur	W. B. Pearson	Waco
Utah	January	B. R. Howell	Salt Lake City	Sam H. Goodwin	Salt Lake City
Vermont	June	C. B. Crowell	Bellows Falls	Henry H. Ross	Burlington
Virginia	February	Chas. H. Callahan	Alexandria	Chas. A. Nesbitt	Richmond
Washington	June	R. C. McCroskey	Garfield	Horace W. Tyler	Tacoma
West Virginia	November	Clyde T. Dutton	Parkersburg	Geo. S. Laidley	Charleston
Wisconsin	June	Frank Johnson	Black River Falls	Wm. W. Perry	Milwaukee
Wyoming	August	J. Ira Kirby	Buffalo	Jos. M. Lowndes	Casper

NORTH AMERICAN GRAND LODGES

Alberta	June	Horace P. Reid	Edmonton	S. Y. Taylor	Calgary
British Columbia	June	Stephen Jones	Victoria	W. A. De Wolf-Smith	New Westminster
Canada	July	W. J. Drope	Trimsby	Wm. M. Logan	Hamilton
Manitoba	June	Jas. S. Mac Ewing	Freherne	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg
New Brunswick	August	Geo. D. Ellis	St. John	J. Twining Hart	Saint John
Nova Scotia	June	J. H. Winfield	Halifax	James C. Jones	Halifax
Prince Edward Is.	June	E. W. Mackey	Charlottetown	Ernest Kemp	Charlottetown
Quebec	February	A. P. Shaford	Montreal	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Saskatchewan	June	D. A. Kingsbury	Roulean	W. B. Tate	Regina

SOUTH AMERICAN GRAND LODGES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Cuscatlan of Salvador	Jeronimo Puente	San Salvador
Ecuador	Carlos A. Rolando	Guayaquil
National of Colombia	G. Arroyo	Barranquilla
National of Colombia at Cartagena	Felipe Mobark	Cartagena
Panama	D. Leslie Sasso	Panama
Peru	Dr. Luis F. de Las Casas	Lima
Porto Rico	Gose G. Torres	San Juan
Republic of Colombia at Bogota	F. A. Mejia	Bogota
Republic of Guatemala	Edw. B. Coffey	Guatemala
Republic of Honduras	Ernesto Fiallos V.	Tegucigalpa
Venezuela	Jacobo Bendahan	Caracas

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES

Alpina, Switzerland	Enrique Llanso Simon	Habana	Prof. Av. du Mail	Geneve
Costa Rica	June		Jose Fabio Garnier	San Jose
Cuba			F. V. Preval	Habana
Denmark			Rasmus O. Nelisen	Kopenhagen
England		London	P. C. Smith	London
Egypt			Mohammed Rifaat	Cairo
Mexico, York G. L.			C. I. Arnold	City of Mexico
Netherlands (G.O.)			H. P. Van Nieuwenburg	Hague, Netherland
Ireland	December	Dublin	Henry C. Shiellard	Dublin
New South Wales	June	Sydney	David Cunningham	Sydney
New Zealand	November	Wellington	Geo. Barclay	Auckland
Norway			Wm. W. Zimmer	Kristiana
Philippine Islands	January	Manila	N. C. Comfort	Manila
Queensland	December	Brisbane	Chas. H. Harley	Brisbane
Scotland		Wigtownshire	Davie Reid	Edinburgh
Sweden			Niles Flensburg	Stockholm
Victoria	Quarterly	Melbourne	W. Stewart	Melbourne
Vienna, Austria			Dr. Wadimir Misar	Vienna
West Australia		Perth	J. D. Stevenson	Perth

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF NORTH CAROLINA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS	P. O. ADDRESS	GRAND LODGE	OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA	P. O. ADDRESS
William R. McClusky	Albany	Alabama	S. M. Gattis	Hillsboro
F. T. Patterson	Safford	Arizona	D. P. Dellinger	Cherryville
J. B. Baker	Melbourne	Arkansas	J. S. McEachern	Wilmington
		*California		
Jos. W. Milson	Denver	Colorado	J. S. Spurgeon	Hillsboro
N. Warren Brown	New Haven	Connecticut	George P. Burgwyn	Jackson
William L. Crossan	Wilmington	Delaware		
Arthur C. Shaw	Washington	Dist. of Columbia	E. W. Timberlake	Wake Forest
Jesse J. Combs	Apoka	Florida		
Thomas H. Jeffries	Atlanta	Georgia	C. D. Bradham	New Bern
F. G. Mock	Nampa	Idaho		
Robert C. Fletcher	LaGrange	Illinois	P. T. Wilson	Winston-Salem
Denton M. Hutton	Michigan City	Indiana	W. B. McKoy	Wilmington
		*Iowa		
Nelson Long	Hoxie	Kansas		
		*Kentucky		
Sam Stone, Jr.	New Orleans	Louisiana	J. W. Winborn	Marion
Chas. F. Johnson	Portland	Maine		
Henry W. Rossing	Baltimore	Maryland	M. DeLancey Haywood	Raleigh
		*Massachusetts		
John Rowson	Grand Rapids	Michigan		
Alex. Fiddes	Jackson	Minnesota	F. D. Winston	Windsor
Edgar Webster	Oxford	Mississippi		
Geo. W. Walker	Cape Girardeau	Missouri	W. E. Moore	Webster
Dr. L. F. Tidymann	Valier	Montana	C. Z. Candler	Sylva
Walter M. Hopewell	Tekamah	Nebraska	Joshua P. Pillsbury	Raleigh
A. L. McGinty	Carson City	Nevada	R. L. Brown	Oxford

Philip F. Botzong	Jersey City	New Hampshire	George S. Norfleet	Winston-Salem
Moses Spiero	New York	New Jersey	A. R. Morgan	Goldsboro
James McDonald	Grafton	*New Mexico	R. C. Dunn	Enfield
Robert I. Clegg	Cleveland	North Dakota	J. C. Braswell	Whitakers
Gustavas A. Gurnesien	Portland	Ohio	Leon Oash	Winston-Salem
W. T. Williamson	Newport	Oklahoma	U. S. Spence	Carthage
John P. Sanborn	Beaufort	*Pennsylvania	Geo. C. Cox	W. Raleigh
Van Smith	Kadoka	Rhode Island		
J. E. Brocklesby	Nashville	South Carolina	A. B. Andrews	Raleigh
Charles Barham	San Antonio	South Dakota	H. E. Austin	Greenville
S. S. Fly	Price	Tennessee	J. T. Alderman	Henderson
L. A. McGee	Middleburg	Texas	C. T. McClenaghan	Raleigh
Archie S. Harriman	Stevensville	Utah	W. W. Willson	Rockingham
William F. Bagby	Spokane	Vermont	J. LeGrand Everett	Oxford
Henry L. Kennan	Clarksburg	Virginia	B. S. Royster	Selma
O. Loyd Haught	La Crosse, Wis.	West Virginia	R. J. Noble	
Jos. F. Lennon	Middleburg	Wisconsin		
Archie S. Harriman		*Wyoming		
*Do not exchange representatives.				
W. F. Puffer	Lacombe	Alberta	G. C. Ward	Biltmore
S. J. Willis	Vancouver	British Columbia	H. I. Clark	Scotland Neck
W. S. Herrington	Napanee, Ont.	Canada	H. M. Poteat	Wake Forest
Fred L. Newman	Portage la Prairie	Manitoba	R. M. Hall	Saluda
Archibald Bauer	St. John	New Brunswick	W. S. Reich	Elkin
Rev. William Driffeld	Digby	Nova Scotia	J. Bailey Owen	Henderson
Dr. Alexander MacNeill	Summerside	Prince Edward I.		
A. N. Thompson	Stanstead	Quebec		
A. L. McClatchie	Regina	Saskatchewan	H. A. Newell	Henderson

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES				
OF NORTH CAROLINA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS	P. O. ADDRESS	GRAND LODGE	OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA	P. O. ADDRESS
George Braddock	San Jose	Alpine, Switzerland.	C. M. Vanstory	Greensboro
Gerarde L. Betancourt		Costa Rica	H. E. Thompson	Stantonsburg
		Cuba		
		Denmark		
		England		
		G. O. Netherlands.		
J. B. McCutcheon	Belfast	Ireland	W. Y. Warren	Gastonia
E. A. H. Stephen		New South Wales	F. P. Hobgood, Jr.	Greensboro
William Neilson Ewing	Bienheim	New Zealand		
		National of Egypt		
		Norway		
William Wiley Larkin	Manila	Philippine Islands	S. L. Boyd	Wilmington
George Roberston	Brisbane	Queensland	J. W. Payne	Spencer
Frederick Walter Fell Clark		Scotland	William R. Smith	Raleigh
Chas. Tregear		South Australia	C. B. Newcomb	Wilmington
William G. Gibson	Stockholm	Sweden	Eric Norden	Wilmington
A. Thompson	Middle Crescent	Victoria	James H. Webb	Hillsboro
Dr. Friedrich Otto Hentz	Vienna	Vienna, Austria		
Charles Glazebrook Morris		West Australia	John J. Phoenix	Greensboro

SOUTH AMERICAN GRAND LODGES

OF NORTH CAROLINA IN OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS	P. O. ADDRESS	GRAND LODGE	OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA	P. O. ADDRESS
Dr. Francisco E. Morens	Salvador	Cuscatlan of Salvador	A. J. Harris	Henderson
Frank Whipple	Bananquilla, Colombia	Ecuador Honduras National of Colombia National of Colombia Cartagena		
David Colmon Dasso	Bx. 5016, Crystobal, C.Z.	Panama	J. Edward Allen	Warrenton
Edmundo Osborn	Guatemala	Peru Porto Rico Republic of Colombia Republic of Guatemala Venezuela	John E. Cameron H. A. Grady	Kinston Clinton

LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA, WITH NAMES OF
SECRETARIES AND MASTERS, AND THEIR POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES, THE MASONIC DISTRICT
IN WHICH LODGES ARE SITUATED BEING INDICATED BY NUMBERS IN PARENTHESIS

No., Name and District	Postoffice	Secretary and Address	Master and Address
1 St. John's (10)-----	Wilmington	F. R. Long, Wilmington, Box 625	William A. Walker, Jr., Wilmington
2 Royal White Hart (4)-----	Halifax	W. F. Coppedge, Halifax	D. J. Millikin, Halifax
3 St. John's (7)-----	New Bern	Leslie L. Brinson, New Bern	J. B. Dawson, New Bern
4 St. John's (6)-----	Kinston	Wm. B. Ward, Kinston	J. B. Browning, Kinston
5 Charity (2)-----	Windsor	A. C. Mitchell, Windsor	C. L. Pierce, Windsor
7 Unanimity (1)-----	Edenton	R. E. Leary, Edenton	G. E. Moore, Edenton
8 Phoenix (14)-----	Fayetteville	L. F. Bullard, Fayetteville, Box 76	Dr. D. L. Pridden, Fayetteville
10 Johnston-Caswell (19)-----	Warrenton	James Y. Kerr, Warrenton	W. M. Gardner, Warrenton
17 American George (2)-----	Murreesboro	E. N. Evans, Murreesboro	D. F. Payne, Murreesboro
31 Phalanx (27)-----	Charlotte	F. Wm. E. Cullingford, Charlotte	Jos. F. Woodruff, Charlotte
32 Stokes (25)-----	Concord	Howard L. Collier, Concord [Bx 722	Joe A. Hartsell, Concord
39 Davie (2)-----	Roxobel	R. W. Jilcott, Roxobel	C. C. Tyler, Roxobel
40 Hiram (15)-----	Raleigh	A. B. Goetze, Raleigh	O. A. Tucker, Raleigh
45 Liberty (33)-----	Wilkesboro	C. M. Gray, Wilkesboro	H. A. Cranor, Wilkesboro
53 Hall (1)-----	Indiantown	B. D. Forbes, Riddle	Wm. G. Bray, Riddle
56 King Solomon (4)-----	Jackson	E. J. Gay, Jr., Jackson	Eric Norfleet, Jackson
58 Concord (18)-----	Tarboro	J. H. Jacobs, Tarboro	W. C. Baker, Tarboro
59 Perservance (3)-----	Plymouth	J. G. Dixon, Plymouth	J. R. Campbell, Plymouth
64 Kilwinning (26)-----	Wadesboro	C. A. Bland, Wadesboro	J. F. Williamson, Wadesboro
71 Eagle (21)-----	Hillsboro	F. Y. Noel, Hillsboro	A. G. Williams, Hillsboro
75 Widow's Son (1)-----	Camden	W. T. Etheridge, Camden	W. C. Davis, Camden
76 Greensboro (23)-----	Greenville	B. G. Gilmer, Greenville	B. G. Banner, Greenville
78 Sharon (5)-----	Trenton	J. F. Brinkley, Jr., Greenville	H. E. Austin, Greenville
81 Zion (8)-----	Jacksonville	R. D. Dixon, Trenton	W. R. Dixon, Comfort, R. F. D.
83 LaFayette (8)-----	Smithfield	R. C. Warlick, Jacksonville	W. D. Sabiston, Jacksonville
84 Fellowship (16)-----	Nashville	T. C. Henry, Smithfield	V. A. Merritt, Smithfield
85 Morning Star (17)-----	Williamston	C. B. Ward, Nashville	D. W. Perry, Nashville
90 Shewarkee (18)-----	Rutherfordton	C. D. Carsarphen, Jr., Williamston	R. H. Smith, Williamston
91 Western Star (44)-----	Hookerton	J. Linwood Robinson, Rutherford-	K. B. Miller, Rutherfordton
92 Joseph Warren (17)-----	Hookerton	D. G. Hill, Stantonburg	L. E. Coley, Farmville
95 Jerusalem (6)-----	Clinton	H. S. Taylor, Hookerton	J. C. Suggs, Hookerton
97 Neuse (15)-----	Fulton	E. O. Beddingfield, Raleigh, Rt. 1	F. J. Vann, Clinton
98 Hiram (9)-----	Salisbury	Joe Reynolds, Clinton	W. M. Pickens, Salisbury
99 Columbus (13)-----	Pittsboro	G. M. Lyster, Salisbury	W. P. Horton, Pittsboro
102 Orr (3)-----	Washington	Geo. H. Brooks, Pittsboro	Daniel T. Smith, Washington
104		W. H. McDevitt, Washington	

106	Perquimans (1)	Hertford	J. S. Vick, Hertford	B. C. Berry, Hertford
108	Belmont (9)	Faison	J. B. Gibbons, Faison	Jno. W. Warren, Faison
109	Franklin (7)	Beaufort	O. J. Moore, Beaufort	Chas. H. Bushall, Beaufort
110	Wayne (6)	Goldsboro	N. D. Gwatney, Goldsboro	Royal H. Spence, Goldsboro
111	Person (21)	Roxboro	O. B. Crowell, Roxboro	Wm. W. Morrell, Jalong
112	St. Alban's (11)	Lumberton	Dr. R. T. Allen, Lumberton	J. C. Bryant, Lumberton
113	Holly Springs (15)	Holly Springs	T. B. Johnson, Holly Springs	B. W. Burt, Holly Springs
114	Mount Lebanon (17)	Wilson	S. G. Newborn, Wilson	J. R. Edmundson, Wilson
115	Mt. Hermon (39)	Asheville	S. F. Randolph, Asheville	W. E. Davis, West Asheville
116	Franklinton (19)	Franklinton	J. W. Daniels, Franklinton	Napoleon B. House, Franklinton
117	Mill Creek (9)	Newton Grove	A. A. J. Riddick, Newton Grove	Isiah Tart, Newton Grove
118	Gatesville (2)	Gatesville	N. J. Riddick, Gatesville	J. A. Eason, Gatesville
119	Blackmer (24)	Mt. Gilead	C. T. Haywood, Mount Gilead	C. A. Moore, Mt. Gilead
120	Hanks (24)	Franklinville	W. I. Jones, Franklinville	W. C. Jones, Franklinville
121	Dan River (22)	Madison	F. L. Matthews, Mayodan	O. M. Whitbeck, Mayodan
122	Radiance (6)	Snow Hill	E. Dail, Snow Hill	L. V. Morrill, Snow Hill
123	Mocksville (30)	Mocksville	Z. N. Anderson, Mocksville	S. F. Brinkley, Mocksville
124	Leaksville (22)	Leaksville	E. M. Hodges, Leaksville	W. J. Baughm, Leaksville
125	Lincoln (28)	Lincolnton	S. Alexander, Sr., Lincolnton	C. C. Crowell, Lincolnton
126	King Solomon (10)	Burgaw	T. T. Murphy, Burgaw	S. V. Bowen, Burgaw
127	Carolina (26)	Ansonville	Lester J. Dawkins, Ansonville	Dr. C. F. Harris, Ansonville
128	Mt. Vernon (13)	Ore Hill	R. W. White, Ore Hill	Jno. C. White, Ore Hill, Rt. 1
129	Junaluska (42)	Franklin	J. J. Mann, Prentiss	George Dean, Franklin
130	Cherokee (43)	Murphy	W. S. Green, Murphy	J. L. Hall, Murphy
131	Palmyra (14)	Dunn	Z. V. Snipes, Dunn	H. W. Prince, Dunn
132	Adoniram (20)	Cornwall	M. W. Clement, Nelson, Va., Rt. 1	J. S. Watkins, Virgilina, Va., Rt. 1
133	Pee Dee (25)	Norwood	J. H. Norwood, Norwood	J. A. Lilly, Norwood
134	Sanford (13)	Sanford	T. J. McPherson, Sanford	J. W. Gilliam, Sanford
135	Scotch-Ireland (25)	Cleveland	W. R. Little, Cleveland	W. F. Thompson, Cleveland
136	White Stone (15)	Wakefield	F. S. Pearce, Wakefield, Rt. 1	Hubert Eddins, Wakefield
137	Rolesville (15)	Rolesville	W. D. O'Neal, Neuse	R. S. Williams, Wake Forest
138	Mt. Pleasant (15)	Rogers' Store	S. B. Ray, Neuse, Rt. 3	B. I. Brogden, Neuse, Rt. 3
139	Knap of Reeds (20)	Bahama	Perris Tilley, Bahama	E. T. Mangum, Rangement
140	Yadkin (32)	Yadkinville	C. N. Dobbins, Yadkinville	T. R. Harding, Yadkinville
141	Deep River (24)	Coleridge	R. L. Caverness, Coleridge	F. C. Caveness, Coleridge
142	Archer (16)	Clayton, R.F.D.	W. S. Earp, Selma, Rt. 1	W. Y. Wood, Selma, Rt. 1
143	Winston (30)	Winston-Salem	Leon Cash, Winston-Salem	L. M. Holbrook, Winston-Salem
144	Blackmer (39)	Weaverville	C. P. Reagan, Weaverville	F. R. Donoho, Weaverville
145	Coleraine (2)	Coleraine	C. C. Mizell, Coleraine	C. R. Brinkley, Coleraine
146	Buffalo (13)	Jonesboro	A. C. Harris, Jonesboro	B. E. Stanfield, Jonesboro
147	George Washington (13)	Bells Baptist Church	R. W. Seymour, Apex, Rt. 4	P. G. Farrer, Apex, Rt. 3
148	Pollokville (8)	Pollokville	J. H. Henderson, Pollokville	S. J. Harrison, Pollokville
149	Mecklenburg (27)	Davidson	M. A. Abernathy, Davidson	H. B. Elliott, Davidson
150	Siloam (9)	Harrell's Store	T. L. Johnson, Kerr	G. F. Herring, Wallace
151	Carthage (12)	Carthage	W. H. Currie, Carthage	G. W. Shields, Carthage

LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Continued

No., Name and District	Postoffice	Secretary and Address	Master and Address
185 Sandy Creek (19)	Laurel	Geo. P. Foster, Louisburg, Rt. 6	Ernest G. Cooper, Gupton
186 Pine Forest (14)	Broadway, Rt. 2	W. M. Patterson, Broadway, Rt. 2	E. L. Hawley, Broadway, Rt. 2
187 Central Cross (17)	Hunts	E. B. Moore, Spring Hope, Rt. 2	W. A. Mitchell, Spring Hope, Rt. 2
188 Baifour (24)	Asheboro	G. R. Garner, Asheboro	O. L. Presnell, Asheboro
190 Fair Bluff (10)	Fair Bluff	A. E. Waller, Fair Bluff	O. M. Rogers, Fair Bluff
191 Granite (16)	Clayton	R. W. Sanders, Clayton	W. S. Penn, Clayton
192 Burnsville (40)	Burnsville	J. L. Hyatt, Burnsville	W. I. Farnell, Burnsville
198 Cary (15)	Cary	J. T. McMaster, Cary	H. H. Waddell, Cary
202 Cleveland (37)	Shelby	R. G. McLaughridge, Shelby	J. F. Roberts, Shelby
203 Roanoke (4)	Weldon	W. B. Josephson, Weldon	D. W. Seifert, Weldon
204 Berea (20)	Oxford, Rt. 1	O. A. Danell, Oxford, Rt. 1	J. L. Daniel, Oxford, Rt. 1
205 Long Creek (27)	Long Creek	Oscar B. Baker, Mt. Holly, Rt. 1	T. W. Stewart, Huntersville
206 Mingo (9)	Mingo Muster Gr.	Fred L. Willford, Dunn	Geo. W. Wilson, Newton Grove
207 Lebanon (10)	Whiteville	F. M. Smith, Vineland	M. A. Hill, Vineland
208 Mount Olive (6)	Mount Olive	W. M. Baker, Mt. Olive	W. F. Patton, Calypso
209 Randleman (24)	Randleman	P. S. Kirkman, Randleman	D. M. Ferree, Randleman
210 Eno (21)	Durham	Marcus W. Boyles, Durham	Edward M. Henley, Durham
214 Thomasville (23)	Thomasville	Coy L. Kearns, Thomasville	J. E. Lambeth, Thomasville
217 Catawba Valley (36)	Morganton	Dr. E. L. Edwards, Morganton	R. O. Huffman, Morganton
218 Wm. G. Hill (15)	Raleigh	C. T. McClenaghan, Raleigh	Everitt E. Briggs, Raleigh
219 Jefferson (34)	Jefferson	Joe C. Worth, Jefferson	W. B. Austin, Jefferson
224 County Line (29)	Cool Spring	D. A. Guifey, Cleveland	C. H. Knox, Statesville
226 Wilson (29)	Olin	W. L. Holland, Olin	C. S. Brown, Statesville, Rt. 5
227 Jonesville (32)	Jonesville	J. A. Wagoner, Jonesville	J. C. Gilliam, Jonesville
229 Henderson (19)	Henderson	J. Ed. Bogwell, Henderson, Box 53	J. Ed. James, Henderson
230 Corinthian (17)	Rocky Mount	T. J. W. Crowder, Rocky Mount	John Benton, Rocky Mount
231 Wm. T. Bain (15)	Holland's Church	A. Myatt Smith, Raleigh, Rt. 3	E. Jack Fish, Willow Spring
233 Lenoir (6)	LaGrange	J. W. Graham, LaGrange	S. D. Pool, La Grange
234 Anchor (15)	Auburn	James G. Lane, Auburn	W. Herbert Powell, Raleigh
237 Mystic Tie (44)	Marion	H. H. Tate, Marion	L. A. Neal, Marion
238 Atlantic (1)	Moyock	T. B. Elliott, Moyock	W. W. Jarvis, Moyock
240 Wicacoa (2)	Harrellsville	S. E. Harrell, Harrellsville	R. C. Mason, Harrellsville
243 Rountree (6)	near Grifton	J. W. Gilbert, Grifton, Rt. 3	R. R. Cameron, Kinston, Rt. 1
244 Monroe (26)	Monroe	G. M. Beasley, Monroe	R. H. Cunningham, Monroe
248 Catawba (36)	Newton	Russel M. Yount, Newton	J. B. Gaither, Newton
249 Pythagoras (10)	Southport	J. D. Sutton, Southport	J. W. Ruark, Southport
250 Shiloh (20)	Stovall	W. G. O'Brien, Stovall	J. W. Dean, Stovall
251 Rockford (31)	Rockford	C. B. Davis, Rockford	W. Y. Davenport, Rockford
253 Lee (29)	Taylorsville	R. W. Riggins, Taylorsville	W. P. Allen, Taylorsville

255	Oaks (21)	Saxapahaw	W. O. Hackney, Saxapahaw	E. W. Mann, Saxapahaw
257	Kenly (16)	Kenly	C. J. Boykin, Kenly, Box 50	R. E. Parrish, Kenly, Rt. 1
258	Fuquay (14)	Chalybeate Springs	C. J. Ballentine, Fuquay Springs	J. E. Brown, Varina
259	Waynesville (41)	Waynesville	L. E. Green, Waynesville	S. C. Platt, Waynesville
261	Excelsior (27)	Charlotte	B. W. Barnett, Charlotte, Box 184	R. P. Steffey, Charlotte
262	Hibriton (36)	Lenoir	C. H. Hefner, Lenoir	R. S. Crisp, Lenoir
263	Gaston (28)	Dallas	J. P. Hoffman, Dallas	F. L. Jordan, Dallas
265	Farmington (30)	Farmington	O. M. Howell, Cana, Rt. 2	J. L. H. Bahson, Farmington
266	Durbin (14)	Stedman	H. A. Williams, Stedman	I. R. Bryant, Stedman
267	Dunn's Rock (38)	Brevard	F. D. Clement, Brevard	C. K. Osborne, Brevard
268	Unaka (42)	Webster	J. L. Broyles, Webster	B. M. Brown, Sylva
271	Tobasco (23)	Gibsonville	C. B. Thompson, Gibsonville	C. B. Massey, Gibsonville
272	Bingham (21)	Mebane	A. C. Thompson, Mebane	J. M. McIntyre, Mebane
273	Watuga (35)	Boone	Russell D. Hodges, Boone	C. O. Wright, Boone
276	Beaver Dam (26)	Marshville	B. H. Griffin, Marshville	G. O. Tucker, Marshville
277	Green Level (15)	Apex, Rt. 1	J. R. Mills, Apex, Rt. 1	I. C. Council, Apex, Rt. 1
279	Rehoboth (9)	Rose Hill	L. J. Teachey, Rose Hill	Jno. C. Mallard, Jr., Rose Hill
282	Wake Forest (15)	Wake Forest	T. M. Arrington, Wake Forest	J. A. Yarbrough, Wake Forest
283	Eureka (25)	China Grove	J. E. Correll, China Grove	R. G. Ritchie, Landis
284	Greenville (5)	Greenville	J. J. Gilbert, Greenville	A. W. Harris, Greenville
285	Flat Creek (13)	Fall Creek Church	J. W. Bean, Bennett	C. E. Jones, Bennett
286	Cedar Rock (19)	Cedar Rock	T. H. Sledge, Louisville, Rt. 6	K. J. Hawkins, Castalia, Rt. 2
289	Salem (30)	Winston-Salem	F. L. Reid, Winston-Salem	G. E. Ashburn, Winston-Salem
292	French Broad (41)	Marshall	G. W. Sams, Marshall	W. A. West, Marshall
293	Vance (39)	Stockville	J. H. Morgan, Stockville	E. Y. Gentry, Stockville
294	Atlantic (3)	Swanquarter	R. L. Benson, Swanquarter	W. J. Harris, Swanquarter
296	Stonewall (18)	Robersonville	R. L. Cochran, Robersonville	E. B. Wichard, Stokes
298	Toisnot (17)	Elm City	G. M. Brooks, Elm City	O. J. Winstead, Elm City
299	Hunting Creek (29)	Jennings	W. B. Tutterow, Jennings	Albert Cooper, Jennings
301	Clay (43)	Hayesville	W. T. Bumgarner, Hayesville	Geo. W. Cherry, Hayesville
302	Lillington (14)	Lillington	O. L. Johnson, Lillington	John D. Johnson, Lillington
303	Evergreen (14)	Johnstonville	D. P. McDonald, Olivia	W. E. Bruce, Overhills
304	Pleasant Hill (6)	Pink Hill	George G. Noble, Kinston, Rt. 7	Joseph Small, Kinston, Rt. 7
305	Laurinburg (11)	Laurinburg	C. E. Muse, Laurinburg	J. T. Myers, Laurinburg
306	Raeford (13)	Raeford	Frank Cameron, Raeford	Edgar Hall, Raeford
307	Patterson (25)	Mt. Pleasant	G. F. McAllister, Mt. Pleasant	S. T. Seaford, Mt. Pleasant
309	Montgomery (24)	Troy	W. R. Grant, Troy	M. A. Nicholson, Troy
310	Hatcher (17)	Sims, Rt. 1	D. L. Flowers, Sims	J. I. Boykin, Kenly, Rt. 3
313	King Solomon (11)	Lumber Bridge	W. G. Marley, Lumber Bridge	F. B. Dunn, Lumber Bridge
314	New Lebanon (1)	South Mills	W. I. Halstead, South Mills	W. A. Foster, Elizabeth City
317	Eureka (1)	Elizabeth City	C. V. Ballard, Elizabeth City, Bx 15	W. F. Williams, Elizabeth City
319	Wilmington (10)	Wilmington	Herbert W. Hewlett, Wilmington	J. A. McNorton, Wilmington
320	Selma (16)	Selma	W. T. Woodard, Selma--(Box 541)	Earp, Selma
321	White Hill (13)	Sanford, Rt. 1	D. McDonald, Cameron	J. A. Wicker, Pinehurst
322	Granite (31)	Mount Airy	C. Binder, Mt. Airy	B. Y. Graves, Mt. Airy

LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Continued

No., Name and District	Postoffice	Secretary and Address	Master and Address
325 Falling Creek (6)	Grantham's Store	M. E. Cox, Princeton	L. R. Britt, Mt. Olive
327 Winton (2)	Winton	D. L. Parker, Winton	R. B. Linberry, Winton
328 Mattamuskeet (3)	Englehard	J. H. Jarvis, Englehard	R. S. Cox, Englehard
331 Bayboro (7)	Bayboro	U. C. Holton, Vandemere	C. S. Weskett, Bayboro
335 Rowland (11)	Rowland	J. F. Sinclair, Rowland	P. A. McCormac, Rowland
339 Fair View (37)	Kings Mountain	N. F. McGill, Kings Mountain	O. P. Lewis, Kings Mountain
340 Harmony (6)	Pikeville	N. B. Berger, Pikeville	T. B. Sasser, Pikeville
341 Rock Spring (28)	Denver	R. W. Smith, Denver	W. A. Poole, Iron Station
343 Hickory (36)	Hickory	W. L. Boatright, Hickory	E. E. Smith, Hickory
344 Numa F. Reid (23)	High Point	W. E. Herndon, High Point, Box 354	J. P. Williamson, High Point
348 Stanley (25)	Albemarle	W. H. Whitley, Albemarle	S. L. Gulledege, Albemarle
352 Durham (21)	Durham	S. E. Maynard, Durham	Hubert M. Brown, Durham
353 Moravian (33)	Moravian Falls	S. R. Laws, Moravian Falls	W. S. Pearson, North Wilkesboro
356 Fallston (37)	Fallston	W. A. Gantt, Fallston	A. F. Williams, Fallston
357 Bakersville (40)	Bakersville	J. F. Greene, Bakersville	W. C. Berry, Bakersville
358 East La Porte (42)	East La Porte	Fred S. Hock, East La Porte	E. P. Wike, East La Porte
359 Mount Vernon (7)	Oriental	S. L. Silverthorn, Oriental	C. G. Carowan, Oriental
363 Snow (35)	Sugar Grove	J. B. Horton, Villas	Wm. J. Farthing, Watauga Falls
366 Craighead (27)	Huntersville	J. McAlexander, Huntersville	E. P. Page, Huntersville
369 Gastonia (28)	Gastonia	J. R. Dellinger, Gastonia	W. H. Patrick, Gastonia
370 Mars Hill (41)	Mars Hill	J. M. Ammons, Mars Hill	A. E. Carter, Mars Hill
372 Bethel (26)	Morven	John A. Liles, Morven	V. L. Wall, Morven
373 Elk (35)	Todd	Ralph G. Green, Todd	D. C. Howell, Todd
374 Campbell (29)	Troutman	G. M. Young, Troutman	J. T. Owens, Troutman
375 State Line (37)	Grover	J. G. White, Grover	Whitney Wells, Grover
376 Life Boat (13)	Moncure	B. G. Weathers, Moncure	J. M. Craven, Merry Oaks
377 Youngsville (19)	Youngsville	S. E. Winston, Youngsville	P. R. Mitchell, Youngsville
378 Seaboard (4)	Seaboard	S. B. Stancil, Seaboard	H. R. Harris, Seaboard
379 Colarie (9)	Salemberg	O. J. Vann, Salemberg	R. C. Carter, Salemberg
380 Granville (20)	near Youngsville	E. P. Davis, Youngsville, Rt. 3	J. R. Davis, Wake Forest, Rt. 5
381 Forest City (44)	Forest City	C. L. Plaster, Forest City	Thomas G. Stone, Forest City
382 Shawnee (36)	Long Island	John S. Wood, Long Island	Sumpter Moss, Long Island
384 Reidsville (22)	Reidsville	E. B. Ware, Reidsville	James F. Womack, Reidsville
385 Scottsville (34)	Furches	J. M. Tucker, Laurel Springs	John R. Pugh, Laurel Springs
386 Pigeon River (41)	Canton	C. L. Rhinehardt, Canton	J. M. Curtis, Canton
387 Kedron (38)	Hendersonville	G. H. Blankenship, Hendersonville	L. R. Geiger, Hendersonville
388 Mooresboro (37)	Mooresboro	J. P. McSwain, Mooresboro	L. W. B. Martin, Mooresboro
389 Temperance (5)	Vanceboro	P. H. Burney, Grifton	L. W. Lancaster, Grifton
390 Copeland (31)	Copeland	S. E. Banner, Rockford	J. H. Collins, Rockford

391	Lebanon (14)	Hope Mills	M. Hamilton, Hope Mills	W. W. Bishop, Hope Mills
392	White Rock (41)	Capelhill	B. T. Hensley, Carmen	M. G. Shelton, Big Laurel
393	Tally Ho (20)	Stem	L. D. Franklin, Stem	W. S. Gooch, Stem
394	Cape Fear (14)	Linden	R. D. Collier, Linden	R. A. Collier, Linden
395	Orient (10)	Wilmington	Cleon G. Parker, Wilmington	A. Roscoe Hardwick, Wilmington
396	Oxford (20)	Oxford	J. W. Medford, Oxford	B. S. Royster, Jr., Oxford
397	Bald Creek (40)	Swiss	S. P. Randolph, Swiss	S. J. Angle, Swiss
398	Center (39)	Alexander, Rt. 2	R. C. Eller, Marshall	E. S. Debruhl, Alexander
399	Conoho (18)	Hamilton	H. S. Johnson, Hamilton	Thos. B. Slade, Hamilton
400	Joppa (44)	Old Fort	F. E. Worthington, Old Fort	L. E. Grant, Old Fort
401	Dobson (31)	Dobson	A. L. Nance, Dobson	Thomas L. Cox, Dobson
402	Siler City (13)	Siler City	Earl R. Wrenn, Siler City	Junius Wrenn, Siler City
403	Farmer (23)	Denton	O. L. Gallimore, Denton	Arthur M. Gallimore, Denton
404	Ocean (7)	Morehead City	N. R. Webb, Morehead City	H. L. Joslyn, Morehead City
405	Ivy (41)	Paint Fork	W. W. Mercalf, Waverly	Nat Blankenship, Just
406	Liberty Grove (33)	North Wilkesboro	A. P. Gould, N. Wilkesboro	Walter P. Kelly, North Wilkesboro
407	University (21)	Chapel Hill	J. O. Harmon, Chapel Hill	R. C. Andrews, Chapel Hill
408	Bula (21)	Burlington	R. A. Maynard, Burlington	C. M. Euliss, Burlington
409	Rockville (17)	Stanhope	G. W. Dickinson, Spring Hope	C. H. Whitley, Bailey
410	Henry F. Grainger (19)	Dabney	James B. Glover, Stovall, Rt. 1	J. L. Capps, Henderson, Rt. 5
411	Louisburg (19)	Louisburg	B. B. Perry, Louisburg	W. B. Barrow, Louisburg
412	Miller's Creek (33)	Miller's Creek	C. C. Faw, Wilkesboro, Rt. 1	C. P. Crysel, Wilkesboro, Rt. 1
413	Bellview (43)	Murphy, Rt. 2	S. A. Hughes, Murphy, Rt. 2	Q. L. King, Murphy
414	Maxton (11)	Maxton	M. Peterson, Maxton	C. A. Hasty, Maxton
415	Potecasi (4)	Potecasi	C. Worth Bridges, Potecasi	A. J. Brown, George
416	Greenwood (14)	Godwin	J. M. Graham, Godwin	Hugh R. Graham, Dunn, Rt. 4
417	Harmon (32)	Courtney	J. W. Cooley, Yadkinville, Rt. 1	S. A. Harding, Yadkinville, Rt. 1
418	Boonville (32)	Boonville	M. V. Fleming, Boonville	J. R. Finney, Boonville
419	Sparta (34)	Sparta	G. C. Landreth, Sparta	D. C. Shores, Sparta
420	Baltimore (32)	East Bend, Rt. 3	W. H. Renigar, East Bend	S. L. Russell, Yadkinville
421	Eastern Star (40)	Green Mountain	Edd Lettman, Toledo	D. C. Bailey, Toledo
422	Montgomery (43)	Ranger	S. S. Aklin, Ranger	B. L. Fox, Ranger
423	Oconee (42)	Bryson City	E. C. Gibson, Bryson City	J. L. Orr, Bryson City
424	Stokesdale (23)	Stokesdale	S. A. Pegram, Stokesdale	H. G. Cook, Belews Creek
425	Sea Side (8)	Swansboro	I. E. Rogers, Swansboro	F. B. Pittman, Swansboro
426	Rockford (31)	Kapps Mill	W. C. Parsons, Mountain Park	F. C. Sprinkle, Mountain Park
427	Piney Creek (34)	Piney Creek	J. T. Morgan, Benson	W. R. Strickland, Benson
428	Vanceboro (7)	Vanceboro	W. R. Pugh, Piney Creek	J. T. Finney, Stratford
429	West Bend (32)	Lewisville, Rt. 1	F. Powell, Vanceboro	T. S. Jackson, Vanceboro
430	Blue Ridge (42)	Highlands	T. Wake Fulk, Lewisville	J. R. Whitman, Lewisville
431	Star (24)	Star	W. M. Cleveland, Highlands	R. H. Munger, Highland
432	Marble Spring (43)	Marble	W. R. Burger, Star, Box 124	W. H. James, Star
433	Olingman (33)	Ronda, Rt. 2	James Bryson, Marble	J. M. Lovingood, Marble
434	Roper (3)	Roper	N. E. Burchette, Ronda	A. B. Pardue, Ronda
435			W. M. Bateman, Roper	Dr. J. W. Speight, Roper

LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Continued

No., Name and District	Postoffice	Secretary and Address	Master and Address
444 Marietta (24)	Ramseur	J. C. Whitehead, Ramseur.	Dr. C. A. Graham, Ramseur
446 Biltmore (39)	Biltmore	E. A. Ponder, Biltmore.	Roy Maynard, Biltmore
447 Enfield (4)	Enfield	George R. Bennette, Enfield	H. C. Durham, Enfield
450 Polenta (16)	Clayton, Rt. 1	A. M. Johnson, Clayton	C. T. Young, Clayton
451 Ashler (35)	Stony Fork	Joe J. Welborn, Stony Fork	H. E. Green, Hopkins
452 Griffon (5)	Griffon	Jacob McCotter, Griffon	J. Elmer Garriss, Griffon
453 Clyde (41)	Clyde	Edwin Fincher, Clyde	J. K. Hall, Waynesville, Rt. 4
454 Elkin (31)	Elkin	M. R. Bailey, Elkin	S. O. McGuire, Elkin
455 Pineville (27)	Pineville	W. B. Garrison, Pineville	S. M. Niven, Pineville
456 Rush (31)	Rush	E. B. Fogleman, Rush	S. S. White, Crutchfield
458 Blowing Rock (35)	Blowing Rock	F. A. Icenhour, Blowing Rock	S. T. Isenhour, Blowing Rock
459 Dillsboro (42)	Dillsboro	F. I. Watson, Dillsboro	R. G. Queen, Dillsboro
460 Henrietta (44)	Henrietta	G. O. Wall, Henrietta	J. H. Harris, Mooresboro, Rt. 1
461 Matthews (27)	Matthews	J. W. Russell, Matthews, Box 31	J. R. Renfrow, Matthews
462 South Fork (28)	McAdenville	G. L. Wright, McAdenville	B. H. Watters, McAdenville
463 Currituck (1)	Coinjock	D. S. Wright, Jarvisburg	L. B. Bass, Water Lily
464 Boiling Springs (37)	Boiling Springs	E. W. Lipscomb, Boiling Springs	J. M. Goode, Boiling Springs
465 Gulf (13)	Gulf	J. R. Moore, Gulf	S. E. Adcock, Gulf
466 King Hiram (14)	King Hiram	M. W. McArthur, Parkton	W. C. Biddle, St. Pauls, Rt. 4
467 Crumpler (34)	Crumpler	T. G. Plummer, Grassy Creek	M. G. Blevins, Grassy Creek
470 Scotland Neck (4)	Scotland Neck	I. J. Williford, Scotland Neck	J. G. Madry, Scotland Neck
471 Grassy Knob (29)	Jennings	S. T. Goforth, Olin, Rt. 1	N. M. Felts, Jennings, Rt. 2
472 Sonoma (41)	Canton, Rt. 2	J. F. Long, Canton, Rt. 2	W. A. Moore, Waynesville, Rt. 3
473 Lexington (23)	Lexington	Wm. P. Bain, Lexington	L. M. Weaver, Lexington
474 St. Paul's (11)	St. Paul's	T. K. Cobb, St. Pauls	D. C. Cox, St. Pauls
475 Grimesland (5)	Grimesland	J. L. Williams, Grimesland	W. S. Elks, Grimesland
476 Big Lick (25)	Oakboro	Paul L. Smith, Oakboro	S. G. Smith, Oakboro
477 Eagle Springs (12)	Eagle Springs	Fuller Monroe, Eagle Springs	Fuller McDuffie, Biscoe, Rt. 1
478 Four Oaks (16)	Four Oaks	N. H. Barber, Four Oaks	W. R. Keene, Four Oaks
479 Rainbow (7)	Arapahoe	H. C. Paul, Jr., Arapahoe	M. E. Broughton, Janeiro
480 Mill Creek (16)	Mill Creek	Z. C. Williams, Bentonville, Rt. 2	W. R. Weaver, Bentonville, Rt. 1
481 Spring Hope (17)	Spring Hope	J. J. Proctor, Spring Hope	W. M. Creekmoor, Nashville, Rt. 2
482 Saluda (38)	Saluda	H. L. Capps, Saluda	John T. Coats, Saluda
483 Traphill (35)	Traphill	C. D. Holbrook, Traphill	T. S. Bryan, Traphill
484 Southern Pines (12)	Southern Pines	Lloyd W. Bredbeck, Southern Pines	Ellisworth C. Eddy, Southern Pines
485 Brasstown (43)	Brasstown, Rt. 1	L. L. Scroggs, Brasstown	Fred O. Scroggs, Brasstown
486 Lawndale (37)	Lawndale	W. B. Denton, Lawndale	A. C. Edwards, Lawndale
487 Statesville (29)	Statesville	Harry H. Abernathy, Statesville	E. M. Austin, Statesville
488 Rich Square (4)	Rich Square	P. L. Grant, Rich Square	Dr. J. Howard Brown, Rich Square

489	Linville (35)	Montezuma	J. L. Baner, Montezuma	H. S. Calvert, Linville
490	Bugaboo (33)	Ronda, Rt. 1	Colon E. Walls, Ronda, Rt. 1	J. F. Burchette, Ronda
491	Hominy (39)	Candler	Rupert J. Crowell, Candler	Carl Thrash, Candler
492	Thos. M. Holt (21)	Graham	Jas. S. Cook, Graham	H. C. Walker, Graham
493	Pilot (31)	Pilot Mountain	H. K. Swanson, Pilot Mountain	W. P. Henley, Pilot Mountain
494	John A. Graves (22)	Yanceyville	John O. Green, Yanceyville	S. M. Bason, Yanceyville
495	Rockingham (12)	Rockingham	J. B. Carr, Rockingham	E. B. Liles, Rockingham
496	Mooreville (29)	Mooreville	C. L. Sloop, Mooreville	Ray K. McNeeley, Mooreville
497	Royal Hart (4)	Littletown	M. L. Cole, Littletown	John P. Leach, Littletown
498	Ayden (5)	Ayden	S. A. Jenkins, Ayden	W. B. Phillips, Ayden
499	Creedmoor (20)	Creedmoor	T. W. Allen, Creedmoor	J. C. Yeargin, Creedmoor
500	Raleigh (15)	Raleigh	W. R. Dent, Raleigh, Box 456	H. E. Cranford, Raleigh, Box 428
501	Red Springs (11)	Red Springs	L. M. Cook, Red Springs	Dr. M. L. McKee, Red Springs
502	Cookville (36)	near Henry	James E. Sain, Hildebran	O. O. Rhoney, Vale, Rt. 1
504	Luke McGlaughan (2)	Ahoskie	H. O. Boulter, Ahoskie	James I. Crawford, Ahoskie
505	Cherryville (28)	Cherryville	W. J. T. Stivers, Cherryville	E. V. Moss, Cherryville
506	Unaka (43)	Unaka	W. R. Martin, Ogreeta	H. E. Barton, Unaka
507	Robedel (12)	Robedel	W. T. Wicker, Robedel	T. J. Fletcher, Robedel
508	Lattimore (37)	Lattimore	E. R. Hewitt, Lattimore	F. S. Crowder, Lattimore
509	Belhaven (3)	Belhaven	L. R. Smith, Belhaven	Geo. E. Ricks, Pantego
510	Caroleen (44)	Caroleen	M. R. Reid, Caroleen	A. R. Wilson, Charlotte
511	Barnardsville (39)	Barnardsville	Z. V. Hensley, Barnardsville	W. H. Swan, Barnardsville
513	Sylva (42)	Sylva	Chester Scott, Sylva	J. H. Morris, Sylva
514	Scotland (11)	Gibson	J. N. Gibson, Gibson	Willie Gibson, Gibson
515	Whetstone (28)	Bessemer City	L. G. Rhyne, Bessemer City	Carl G. Carpenter, Bessemer City
516	Aulander (2)	Aulander	J. T. Cleaton, Aulander	Dr. S. A. Saunders, Aulander
517	Farmville (5)	Farmville	R. R. Bailey, Walstonburg	J. H. Paylor, Farmville
519	Widow's Son (4)	Roanoke Rapids	D. P. Wake, Rosemary	E. A. Tellega, Roanoke Rapids
520	Fairfield (3)	Fairfield	P. E. Swindell, Fairfield	F. F. Swindell, Fairfield
521	Wanchese (1)	Wanchese	C. W. Pugh, Wanchese	Leo Midgett, Manteo
522	Warsaw (9)	Warsaw	E. W. Taylor, Warsaw	R. M. Browder, Warsaw
523	Winterville (5)	Winterville	G. L. Rouse, Winterville	B. F. Manning, Winterville
524	Pendleton (4)	Pendleton	W. Harry Stephenson, Pendleton	J. E. Taylor, Severn
525	Rodgers (17)	Middlesex	F. J. Kemp, Middlesex	J. H. Sanders, Middlesex
527	Lucama (17)	Lucama	F. F. Barnes, Lucama	B. H. Hackney, Lucama
528	Fairmont (11)	Fairmont	E. W. Floyd, Fairmont	H. A. Thompson, Fairmont
529	Andrews (43)	Andrews	Clyde H. Jarrett, Andrews	R. B. Slaughter, Fairmont
530	Joppa (27)	Charlotte	A. B. Taylor, Charlotte	Sanford B. Marton, Charlotte
531	Ellenboro (44)	Ellenboro	O. R. Coffield, Ellenboro	S. A. Padgett, Ellenboro
532	Hamlet (12)	Hamlet	R. B. Terry, Hamlet	T. J. Walker, Hamlet
533	Ottolay (39)	Fairview	R. A. Morgan, Fairview	Miles E. Marsh, Fairview
534	Camp Call (37)	Shelby, Rt. 5	E. L. Weathers, Shelby, Rt. 5	Geo. M. Gold, Shelby, Rt. 5
535	Hollis (44)	Hollis	Zeno Gefsys, Hollis	L. C. Price, Hollis
537	Sharon (37)	Shelby, Rt. 2	Lawton Blanton, Lattimore, Bx 54	L. A. Smith, Shelby, Rt. 3
538	Williams (27)	Cornelius	H. B. Holcomb, Cornelius	E. G. Cashion, Cornelius

LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Continued

No., Name and District	Postoffice	Secretary and Address	Master and Address
539 Caswell (22)	Corbett	Waldo P. Robinson, Mebane, Rt. 3	Thomas E. Smith, Corbett
540 State Road (31)	State Road	J. B. Feltz, Elkin, Rt. 1	M. L. Pettyjohn, Elkin, Rt. 1
541 Parkton (11)	Parkton	W. H. Perry, Parkton	L. M. Powell, Parkton
542 Corinthian (23)	Greensboro	C. F. Southerland, Greensboro	M. S. Fink, Greensboro
543 Spencer (25)	Spencer	J. E. Connel, Spencer	W. P. Neister, Spencer
544 Mount Holly (28)	Mount Holly	H. M. Parris, Mt. Holly	J. M. Craig, Mt. Holly
545 Shelmardine (5)	Shelmardine	H. C. Venters, Grimesland, Rt. 2	L. A. Stocks, Winterville, Rt.
546 Carolina (24)	Liberty	Cyrus Shofner, Liberty	John W. Curtis, Liberty
547 Maysville (8)	Maysville	E. H. Bell, Maysville	A. C. Foscue, Maysville
548 Bee Log (40)	Bee Log	J. W. Edwards, Ramsaytown	James Millar, Ramsaytown
549 Elon (21)	Elon College	W. E. Lowe, Elon College	E. B. Huffines, Elon College
550 Roman Eagle (12)	Aberdeen	J. G. Sloan, Aberdeen	D. I. McKethan, Aberdeen
551 Greenville (42)	Greenville	Lewis Norton, Norton	Lawrence McGuire, Norton
552 Revolution (23)	Greensboro	G. L. Gaulden, Revolution Station	C. L. Teal, Proximity Sta., Greens-
553 Zephyr (31)	Zephyr	J. W. Mounce, Rusk	W. B. Welborn, Rusk
554 Vesper (40)	Spruce Pine	B. C. Burgess, Spruce Pine	C. A. Peterson, Spruce Pine
555 Elise (12)	Hemp	G. N. Rowe, Hemp	Hugh M. Shields, Hemp
556 Neil S. Stewart (14)	Duke	Dr. G. L. Hooper, Duke	A. H. Harper, Duke
557 Oak Grove (32)	Cycle	B. C. Shore, Cycle	W. V. Brown, Cycle
558 Ararat (31)	Ararat	G. W. Mills, Ararat	Rev. T. W. Bryant, Ararat
560 Sulphur Springs (33)	Mulberry	T. M. Brown, N. Wilkesboro, Rt.	Willie Gilliam, Hays, Rt.
561 Swannanoa (39)	Swannanoa	D. W. Harrison, Swannanoa	S. C. Clapp, Swannanoa
562 Waxhaw (26)	Waxhaw	W. J. Hardage, Waxhaw	Jesse A. Williams, Waxhaw
563 Tabor (10)	Tabor	W. M. Dorman, Tabor	Hertford Fowler, Tabor
564 Richlands (8)	Richlands	L. C. Herring, Richlands	J. E. Steed, Jr., Richlands
565 Wendell (15)	Wendell	J. T. Allen, Wendell	Z. V. Richardson, Wendell
566 Ronda (33)	Ronda	E. D. Byrd, Ronda	L. G. Myers, Ronda
567 Wentworth (22)	Wentworth	John W. Irving, Wentworth	Jack Saunders, Wentworth
568 Doric (7)	New Bern	A. D. Brooks, New Bern, Box 508	E. W. Paul, New Bern
569 Mount Pleasant (17)	Mount Pleasant	T. A. Griffin, Bailey	R. L. Glover, Bailey
571 Snow Creek (29)	Statesville, Rt. 5	W. A. Campbell, New Hope, Rt. 1	John L. White, New Hope, Rt. 1
572 Cliffsides (44)	Cliffsides	John L. Scroggs, Cliffsides	B. B. Goode, Cliffsides
573 Mount Pleasant (33)	Champion	B. F. Huffman, Purlear, Rt. 1	U. G. Foster, Champion
575 St. Timothy (26)	Marshville, Rt. 5	D. Nance, Marshville, Rt. 5	H. B. Edwards, Marshville, Rt. 5
576 Andrew Jackson (25)	Salisbury	C. T. Harris, Salisbury	D. M. Hunt, Salisbury
577 Biscoe (24)	Biscoe	D. M. Hunsucker, Biscoe	D. J. McLeod, Biscoe
578 Meadow Branch (26)	Wingate	W. V. Williams, Wingate	C. C. Lamb, Wingate
579 Caesar (37)	Caesar	Miller Newton, Usar	Peter White, Caesar
580 Summit (33)	Summit	W. A. Payne, Summit	J. H. Wilcoxen, Summit

581	Macclesfield (18)	J. A. Forbes, Macclesfield	R. W. Hearne, Macclesfield
582	Lilesville (26)	T. R. Liles, Lilesville	W. W. Marks, Pee Dee
583	Ionie (7)	H. R. McCoy, Cove City	N. W. Daugherty, Cove City
584	Apex (15)	C. E. Stephens, Apex	T. F. Womble, Apex
585	Roseboro (9)	P. B. Burks, Roseboro	Jesse E. Wilson, Roseboro
587	David Bell (18)	F. L. Wimer, Whitakers	J. E. Cutchin, Whitakers
588	Evening Star (19)	J. W. Cheves, Wakefield, Rt. 1	J. R. White, Bunn
589	Bethel (5)	W. C. Whitehurst, Bethel	E. O. Burroughs, Bethel
590	Lowell (28)	R. E. Wyatt, Lowell	Joit M. Robinson, Lowell
592	Maiden (36)	A. C. Black, Maiden	John F. Carpenter, Maiden
593	Stony Point (29)	R. C. Deal, Stony Point	S. N. Honeycutt, Stony Point
594	Helton (34)	R. V. Pennington, Sturgills	Bryan Kirby, Sturgills
595	Wallace (9)	R. L. Fields, Wallace	W. E. Ennis, Wallace
596	Waccamaw (10)	C. A. Lewis, Bolton	J. Frank Ellis, Hallsboro
597	Gulledge Memorial (26)	M. E. Lowry, Peachland, Rt. 3	E. G. Jones, Wadesboro, R. A.
598	Cranberry (35)	T. R. Allen, Cranberry	Com Miller, Elk Park
599	Roaring Gap (33)	G. A. Norman, Thurmond	W. W. Callaway, Thurmond
600	Rockwell (22)	Numa Cobb, Ruffin	J. I. Calhoun, Ruffin
602	Queen City (18)	H. S. Corey, Rocky Mt., 411 Nash	E. E. Battle, Rocky Mount, Rt. 1
603	Laurelbranch (34)	F. W. Royal, Doughton	J. V. Simmons, Doughton
604	Vaughan (19)	W. W. Pegram, Vaughan	E. L. Riggan, Littleton
605	Skyuka (38)	R. A. Leonard, Tryon	J. B. Cawthrey, Tryon
606	Raver Side (36)	T. E. Harwell, Catawba	B. Wilson, Catawba
607	Chadbourn (10)	A. W. Lewis, Chadbourn	J. L. Tate, Chadbourn
608	Grand view (43)	J. B. Mulkey, Grandview	J. L. Mulkey, Grandview
609	Zebulon (15)	M. J. Sexton, Zebulon	P. E. Wells, Zebulon
610	Glendon (12)	J. H. Benner, Goldston, Rt. 1	A. J. Jones, Glendon
612	Atkinson (10)	J. W. Flynn, Sr., Atkinson	J. L. Croom, Atkinson
613	Home (6)	L. L. Aycock, Fremont	F. M. Watson, Fremont
615	Sunrise (15)	S. D. Mangum, Wake Forest, Rt. 5	R. H. Mangum, Youngsville, Rt. 3
616	Round Peak (31)	T. G. Golding, Round Peak	N. A. Lowe, Mt. Airy
617	St. Patrick's (16)	M. B. Raines, Princeton	B. L. Aycock, Princeton
618	Midland (25)	A. P. Widenhouse, Midland	B. S. Green, Midland
619	Castalia (17)	J. B. Smith, Castalia	W. B. Williams, Castalia
620	Little River (16)	Harry Corbett, Selma, Rt. 1	J. B. Creech, Kenly, Rt. 2
621	Bonlee (13)	J. W. Gilbert, Sr., Bonlee	J. E. Paschall, Bonlee
622	Coats (14)	S. M. Wheeliss, Jr., Coats	J. C. Graham, Coats
623	Mount Pisgah (33)	Bruce Billings, Dockery	J. C. Billings, Offen
624	John H. Mills (19)	C. G. Stokes, Henderson, Rt. 6	W. G. Winn, Jr., Henderson, Rt. 1
626	Cannon Memorial (25)	T. I. Graham, Kannapolis	R. R. Allison, Kannapolis
627	Belmont (28)	C. W. Fite, Belmont	T. A. Hanna, Belmont
628	Perfection (16)	J. M. Woolard, Jr., Kenly	F. A. White, Kenly
629	Walnut Cove (30)	B. P. Bailey, Walnut Cove	W. P. Wheeler, Walnut Cove
630	Norlina (19)	R. D. Hardy, Norlina	W. B. White, Norlina
632	Unionville (26)	T. L. Price, Unionville, Rt. 1	W. Baxter Long, Indian Trail, Rt. 1

LOGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Continued

No., Name and District	Postoffice	Secretary and Address	Master and Address
633 Bailly (17)	Bailey	L. R. Finch, Bailey	A. T. Winstead, Bailey
634 Goldshoro (6)	Goldshoro	J. E. F. Hicks, Goldshoro	Roy J. Parker, Goldshoro
636 Mill Springs (38)	Mill Springs	W. C. Ballinger, Mill Springs, Rt. 12	J. R. Foster, Mill Springs
637 Yadkin Falls (25)	Badin	W. G. Dotson, Badin	J. B. Ray, Badin
638 Richland (3)	near Aurora	Leon P. Jordan, Aurora	C. W. Holidia, Aurora
639 Warren (9)	Kenansville	James J. Bowden, Kenansville	D. H. Reed, Kenansville
640 Ashe (34)	West Jefferson	Glenn B. Graybeal, W. Jefferson	T. B. Grayson, West Jefferson
641 Ellerbe (12)	Ellerbe	Joe P. Baucum, Ellerbe, Rt. 3	Walter Hogan, Ellerbe
642 Victory (6)	Pink Hill	J. F. Tyndall, Pink Hill	T. A. Turner, Pink Hill
643 Proctorville (11)	Proctorville	L. P. Graham, Proctorville	F. A. Nye, Fairmont, Rt. 2
644 Shoal Creek (43)	Postell	T. M. Allen, Postell	R. L. Keenum, Suit
645 Lewiston (2)	Lewiston	T. S. Cobb, Woodville	C. Hoggrad, Lewiston
646 Bladen (10)	Elizabethtown	Ralph Boring, Elizabethtown	J. A. Lyon, Elizabethtown
647 Pensacola (40)	Pensacola	J. F. Aury, Pensacola	J. H. Ray, (Sr. Warden), Pensa-
648 Plumtree (35)	Plumtree	F. L. Burleson, Spear	W. B. Burleson, Plumtree
649 Goldston (13)	Goldston	Vann Oldham, Goldston	T. W. Goldston, Goldston
650 John A. Nichols (39)	Asheville	James L. Brown, Asheville, Bx 972	Oscar H. Steele, Asheville
651 Harmony (29)	Harmony	G. W. Baity, Harmony	J. N. Barron, Harmony
652 Black River (14)	Angier	J. W. Gardner, Angier	W. E. Bond, Willow Springs
653 John C. Britton (2)	Powellville	L. F. Evans, Powellville	Britton Harrell, Ashokle, Rt. 4
654 Elberta (12)	West End	J. H. Poole, Jackson Springs	D. D. Elfort, West End
655 Banners Elk (35)	Banners Elk	J. G. Andrews, Banners Elk	Rush Bailitt, Banners Elk
656 Guilford (23)	Greensboro	W. C. Carr, Greensboro, Bx 1335	M. A. White, Greensboro, Bx 1044
657 Keller Memorial (25)	Rockwell	B. A. Fisher, Rockwell	A. L. Rhinehardt, Rockwell
658 Beulaville (9)	Beulaville	E. P. Thigpen, Beulaville	T. L. Shaw, Beulaville
659 Paw Creek (27)	Paw Creek	G. A. Todd, Paw Creek	T. M. Beatty, Paw Creek
660 Bladenboro (10)	Bladenboro	S. N. Watson, Bladenboro	W. D. Pridgen, Bladenboro
661 Meadow (22)	Draper	S. T. Anderson, Draper	W. L. Caston, Draper
662 Aurora (3)	Aurora	W. J. Whitely, Blounts Creek	J. R. Butt, Aurora
663 Black Mountain (39)	Black Mountain	L. E. Sigmon, Black Mountain	J. E. Kerlee, Black Mountain
664 Garland (9)	Garland	B. J. Cromartic, Garland	Abel

Abstract of Returns

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES FOR THE MASONIC YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1925

FIRST DISTRICT—Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties

NAME OF LODGE AND COUNTY	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Increase	Decrease	Amount Due From Initiations	Am't of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Unanimity, Chowan	7	Sept. 25, '25	3	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	82	87	5	5	3	\$ 217.50	\$ 220.50	\$ 220.50	\$ 220.50
Hall, Currituck	53	Sept. 29, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	81	72	9	1	1	182.50	182.50	182.50	182.50
Widow's Son, Camden	75	Oct. 23, '25	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	47	46	1	1	4	117.50	118.50	118.50	118.50
Perquimans, Perquimans	106	Sept. 12, '25	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	2	92	94	2	2	4	235.00	239.00	239.00	239.00
Atlantic, Currituck	238	Sept. 17, '25	9	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	2	23	27	4	4	6	67.50	73.50	73.50	73.50
New Lebanon, Camden	314	Oct. 26, '25	9	8	8	8	8	8	8	1	1	1	45	44	1	1	9	115.00	115.00	115.00	115.00
Eureka, Pasquotank	317	July 27, '25	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	211	218	7	7	9	545.00	554.00	554.00	554.00
Currituck, Currituck	463	July 15, '25	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	81	83	2	2	4	207.50	211.50	211.50	211.50
Wanchese, Dare	521	Oct. 1, '25	18	20	19	19	19	19	19	1	1	1	138	155	17	17	18	387.50	405.50	405.50	405.50
Total	---	---	45	50	45	9	1	1	10	9	10	5	800	826	11	37	45	\$2075.00	\$2120.00	\$2120.00	\$2120.00

SECOND DISTRICT—Bertie, Gates and Hertford Counties

Charity, Bertie	5	Oct. 31, '25	5	8	5	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	105	109	4	4	5	\$ 277.50	\$ 282.50	\$ 282.50	\$ 282.50
American Geo., Hertford	17	Aug. 21, '25	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	45	45	2	2	1	107.50	108.50	108.50	108.50
Davie, Bertie	39	Oct. 30, '25	2	5	5	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	32	30	2	2	6	80.00	82.00	82.00	82.00
Gatesville, Gates	126	Oct. 8, '25	6	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	58	60	2	2	6	150.00	156.00	156.00	156.00
Coleraine, Bertie	171	Oct. 27, '25	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	49	1	1	2	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00
Wicacoa, Hertford	240	Aug. 29, '25	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	37	38	1	1	2	95.00	97.00	97.00	97.00
Winton, Hertford	327	Nov. 14, '25	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	38	38	2	2	4	192.50	196.50	196.50	196.50
Luke M'Glaughan, H't'd	504	Nov. 7, '25	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	73	75	2	2	4	112.50	114.50	114.50	114.50
Aulander, Bertie	516	Sept. 2, '25	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	44	45	1	1	2	97.50	99.50	99.50	99.50
Lewiston, Bertie	645	Oct. 21, '25	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	37	1	1	2	50.00	52.00	52.00	52.00
John C. Britton, Bertie	653	Aug. 31, '25	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	20	1	1	2	50.00	52.00	52.00	52.00
Total	---	---	26	24	21	7	1	1	1	2	1	7	538	542	6	10	26	\$1380.00	\$1406.00	\$1406.00	\$1406.00

THIRD DISTRICT—Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties

[illegible]

FOURTH DISTRICT—Halifax and Northampton Counties

[illegible]

FIFTH DISTRICT—Pitt County

[illegible]

* Farmville, No. 517, overpaid \$5.00 in 1924.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued

SIXTH DISTRICT—Greene, Lenoir and Wayne Counties

NAME OF LODGE AND COUNTY	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Am't of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
St. John's, Lenoir	4	Sept. 2, '25	8	6	7	3	4	—	6	4	4	2	222	222	—	—	\$ 555.00	\$ 563.00	\$ 563.00	563.00
Jerusalem, Green	95	Oct. 12, '25	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	54	52	—	—	132.50	133.50	133.50	133.50
Wayne, Wayne	112	July 25, '25	10	7	8	11	—	—	1	4	3	3	137	148	11	10	370.00	380.00	380.00	380.00
Radiance, Green	132	Sept. 25, '25	4	4	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	43	47	—	4	120.00	124.00	124.00	124.00
Mount Olive, Wayne	208	Oct. 27, '25	1	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	83	86	—	3	220.00	221.00	221.00	221.00
Lenoir, Lenoir	233	Sept. 1, '25	2	1	1	—	2	—	2	2	—	1	68	67	—	2	167.50	169.50	169.50	169.50
Rountree, Lenoir	243	Nov. 11, '25	1	0	0	—	1	—	1	—	3	—	46	43	—	1	107.50	108.50	108.50	108.50
Pleasant Hill, Lenoir	304	Sept. 3, '25	1	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	71	70	—	1	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00
Falling Creek, Wayne	325	No dues paid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	33	—	—	87.50	87.50	—	87.50
Harmony, Wayne	340	Oct. 13, '25	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	2	1	1	94	91	3	—	230.00	230.00	230.00	230.00
Home, Wayne	613	Oct. 30, '25	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	44	44	—	—	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00
Goldsboro, Wayne	634	Sept. 7, '25	8	7	6	9	—	—	—	—	1	1	141	155	14	8	387.50	395.50	395.50	395.50
Victory, Lenoir	642	Aug. 6, '25	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	—	46	42	4	—	105.00	105.00	105.00	105.00
Total	—	—	35	32	35	25	7	2	13	14	19	8	1081	1100	14	33	\$2767.50	\$2802.50	\$2715.00	\$75.50

SEVENTH DISTRICT—Carteret, Craven and Pamlico Counties

St. John's, Craven	3	Oct. 31, '25	3	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	146	144	2	3	\$ 365.00	\$ 368.00	\$ 368.00	368.00
Franklin, Carteret	109	Sept. 8, '25	10	10	10	1	1	—	2	3	3	1	139	143	—	4	357.50	367.50	367.50	367.50
Bayboro, Pamlico	331	July 21, '25	4	6	6	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	67	69	—	2	172.50	176.50	176.50	176.50
Mount Vernon, Pamlico	359	Sept. 9, '25	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	65	65	—	—	162.50	162.50	162.50	162.50
Ocean, Carteret	405	Oct. 28, '25	5	7	9	—	—	—	—	1	2	2	96	102	—	6	260.00	265.00	265.00	265.00
Vanceboro, Craven	433	Nov. 1, '25	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	56	53	3	1	132.50	133.50	133.50	133.50
Rainbow, Pamlico	479	Aug. 13, '25	3	—	2	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	21	20	—	3	50.00	53.00	53.00	53.00
Doric, Craven	568	Aug. 17, '25	9	9	9	9	—	—	2	1	—	4	286	301	—	15	752.50	761.50	761.50	761.50
Ionic, Craven	583	Oct. 28, '25	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	31	31	—	3	80.00	83.00	83.00	83.00
Total	—	—	38	34	37	11	2	—	5	10	15	8	907	927	7	27	\$2332.50	\$2370.50	\$2370.50	\$38.00

EIGHTH DISTRICT—Jones and Onslow Counties

[illegible]

NINTH DISTRICT—Duplin and Sampson Counties

Hiram, Sampson	98	Oct. 31,	'25	--	--	--	--	--	1	2	8	4	4	172	157	15	--	\$	\$397.50	\$	397.50
Belmont, Duplin	108	Sept. 2,	'25	2	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	45	47	--	2	117.50	\$	119.50	
Mill Creek, Sampson	125	Sept. 11,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	2	--	2	1	59	56	3	--	2	140.00	\$	141.00	
Siloam, Sampson	178	Nov. 1,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	--	8	--	--	--	35	28	7	--	75.00	\$	76.00	
Mingo, Sampson	206	Sept. 30,	'25	1	2	1	1	1	2	--	--	--	--	61	59	2	--	150.00	\$	151.00	
Rehoboth, Duplin	279	Sept. 30,	'25	2	5	6	1	1	1	7	1	1	50	53	56	--	3	142.50	\$	144.50	
Coharie, Sampson	379	Nov. 11,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	50	44	6	--	110.00	\$	111.00	
Warsaw, Duplin	522	Sept. 9,	'25	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	87	87	--	--	2	217.50	\$	219.50	
Roseboro, Sampson	585	Sept. 9,	'25	1	3	3	3	3	1	7	2	--	92	91	74	7	--	185.00	\$	186.00	
Wallace, Duplin	395	Nov. 6,	'25	5	5	5	5	4	--	--	1	4	1	21	25	--	4	242.50	\$	247.50	
Beaulville, Duplin	658	Sept. 23,	'25	2	2	2	2	4	--	--	--	--	--	31	25	--	4	62.50	\$	64.50	
Warren, Duplin	639	Nov. 11,	'25	4	1	3	1	3	1	1	--	--	1	31	34	--	3	89.50	\$	89.50	
Garland, Sampson	664	Jan. 14,	'26	7	6	6	6	6	*	--	--	--	--	17	23	6	7	85.50	\$	7.00	
Total	--	--	--	29	30	36	6	1	1	15	83	12	6	804	786	40	22	\$19,255.50	\$	\$19,545.50	

* Chartered in 1926

TENTH DISTRICT—Bladen, Brunswick Columbus, New Hanover and Pender Counties

St. John's, N. Hanover-	1	Mar.	5,	'26	18	20	23	7	--	4	10	3	8	544	557	--	13	\$ 18	\$392.50	\$1410.50	\$1410.50
King Solomon, Pender-	138	Oct.	23,	'25	3	6	6	1	--	3	--	1	75	79	--	4	--	3	197.50	200.50	200.50
Fair Bluff, Columbus---	190	Nov.	28,	'25	2	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	85	83	2	--	2	212.50	214.50	214.50	
Lebanon, Columbus	207	July	15,	'25	1	2	4	5	1	6	3	2	100	97	3	--	1	242.50	243.50	243.50	
Pythagoras, Brunswick--	249	Oct.	30,	'25	5	5	9	1	--	7	1	2	140	141	--	--	5	352.50	357.50	357.50	
Wilmington, N. Hanover	319	Nov.	1,	'25	4	3	3	1	--	1	1	2	4	206	206	--	--	5	515.00	519.00	519.00
Orient, New Hanover---	395	Sept.	16,	'25	10	11	11	2	--	6	2	1	223	228	--	5	10	570.00	580.00	580.00	
Tabor, Columbus	563	Sept.	9,	'25	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	--	63	62	1	--	--	155.00	155.00	155.00
Wacamac, Columbus	596	July	22,	'25	3	3	3	--	1	1	2	1	2	57	57	--	3	142.50	145.50	145.50	
Chadbourne, Columbus	607	Oct.	28,	'25	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	58	59	4	--	--	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Atkinson, Pender	612	Oct.	2,	'25	3	3	3	1	--	2	--	1	63	60	--	2	3	150.00	153.00	153.00	
Bladen, Bladen.	646	Nov.	1,	'25	4	3	--	2	--	--	--	1	39	40	--	1	4	105.00	109.00	109.00	
Bladenboro, Bladen	660	July	23,	'25	--	2	2	--	--	2	--	--	--	22	22	--	--	55.00	55.00	55.00	
Total-----					53	59	65	20	3	1	19	35	17	20	1675	1691	10	26	\$ 53	\$4240.00	\$4293.00

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued

ELEVENTH DISTRICT—Robeson and Scotland Counties

NAME OF LODGE AND COUNTY	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Am't of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
St. Albans, Robeson	114	Oct. 23, '25	7	6	6	9	--	--	1	3	2	3	180	189	--	9	\$ 472.50	\$ 479.50	\$ 479.50	
Laurinburg, Scotland	305	Aug. 1, '25	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	97	95	2	--	287.50	287.50	287.50	
King Solomon, Robeson	313	July 23, '25	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	37	39	--	--	97.50	97.50	97.50	
Rowland, Robeson	335	Nov. 1, '25	5	5	5	1	--	--	--	1	2	2	87	90	--	3	230.00	235.00	235.00	
Maxton, Robeson	417	Oct. 28, '25	6	1	1	1	--	--	--	5	2	1	90	86	4	6	215.00	221.00	221.00	
St. Paul's, Robeson	474	Nov. 1, '25	4	5	5	2	--	--	--	3	2	1	106	108	--	2	272.50	276.50	276.50	
Red Springs, Robeson	501	Oct. 28, '25	3	6	6	1	--	--	9	1	--	--	102	99	3	3	250.00	253.00	253.00	
Scotland, Scotland	514	Nov. 1, '25	2	3	3	--	--	--	--	1	1	--	56	57	--	1	147.50	149.50	149.50	
Fairmont, Robeson	528	Oct. 30, '25	4	5	4	1	--	1	--	2	1	--	111	112	--	1	282.50	286.50	286.50	
Parkton, Robeson	541	Nov. 7, '25	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	57	53	4	1	187.50	188.50	188.50	
Proctorville, Robeson	643	Oct. 27, '25	1	2	1	1	--	1	1	--	--	--	31	31	--	1	77.50	78.50	78.50	
Total	--	--	33	37	35	16	2	15	21	10	7	954	959	13	18	\$ 33	\$ 2420.00	\$ 2453.00	\$ 2453.00	

TWELFTH DISTRICT—Moore and Richmond Counties

Carthage, Moore	181	Oct. 23, '25	1	1	1	1	--	--	2	--	1	--	76	75	1	--	\$ 190.00	\$ 191.00	\$ 191.00	
Eagle Springs, Moore	477	Dec. 31, '25	--	--	--	1	--	--	3	2	--	--	73	69	4	--	172.50	172.50	172.50	
Southern Pines, Moore	484	Oct. 28, '25	4	4	4	1	--	--	3	--	--	1	115	117	--	4	292.50	296.50	296.50	
Rockingham, Richmond	495	Sept. 21, '25	7	6	8	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	123	133	10	7	332.50	339.50	339.50	
Robedel, Richmond	507	Nov. 1, '25	1	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	33	34	--	1	90.00	91.00	91.00	
Hamlet, Richmond	532	Sept. 23, '25	10	10	6	--	--	--	5	--	2	7	207	216	--	9	540.00	550.00	550.00	
Roman Eagle, Moore	550	Oct. 19, '25	7	5	4	3	--	--	1	1	--	--	52	57	5	7	145.00	152.00	152.00	
Elise, Moore	555	Dec. 5, '25	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	26	26	--	--	70.00	70.00	70.00	
Glendon, Moore	610	Sept. 21, '25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	34	33	1	--	82.50	82.50	82.50	
Elberbe, Richmond	641	Sept. 11, '25	3	2	3	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	26	29	--	3	72.50	75.50	75.50	
Elberta, Moore	654	Dec. 30, '25	6	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	24	--	6	60.00	66.00	66.00	
Total	--	--	39	28	31	16	1	13	4	7	9	789	813	6	30	\$ 39	\$ 2047.50	\$ 2086.50	\$ 2086.50	

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT—Chatham, Hoke and Lee Counties

Columbus, Chatham	102	Oct. 10,	'25	2	3	1	1	1	1	55	57	2	2	\$ 145.00	\$ 147.00	\$ 147.00				
Mount Vernon, Chatham	143	Oct. 1,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	33	1	1	82.50	82.50	82.50				
Sanford, Lee	151	Dec. 18,	'25	4	6	9	2	2	2	191	202	11	4	505.00	509.00	509.00				
Buffalo, Lee	172	Aug. 31,	'25	4	4	5	1	1	1	61	65	4	4	162.50	166.50	166.50				
Geo. Washington, Ch'm	174	Nov. 1,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	1	85	83	2	1	207.50	208.50	208.50				
McCormick, Lee	228	Dec. 31,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	38	1	1	95.00	95.00	95.00				
Flat Creek, Chatham	285	Sept. 9,	'25	1	1	1	2	2	1	62	58	4	1	145.00	146.00	146.00				
Raeford, Hoke	306	Nov. 10,	'25	2	3	5	2	1	1	101	107	6	2	270.00	272.00	272.00				
White Hill, Lee	321	Sept. 21,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	29	1	1	72.50	73.50	73.50				
Life Boat, Chatham	376	Oct. 29,	'25	4	2	4	1	1	3	36	36	3	4	90.00	94.00	94.00				
Siler City, Chatham	403	Aug. 21,	'25	2	2	2	1	1	1	77	80	3	2	200.00	202.00	202.00				
Gulf, Chatham	465	Sept. 23,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	34	1	1	85.00	86.00	86.00				
Bonlee, Chatham	621	Sept. 12,	'25	3	3	1	1	1	1	47	51	4	3	127.50	130.50	130.50				
Goldston, Chatham	649	Sept. 12,	'25	1	4	2	1	1	1	24	26	2	2	65.00	65.00	65.00				
Total				25	28	35	16	1	1	3	11	9	4	\$ 871	\$ 899	6	34	\$ 2252.50	\$ 2277.50	\$ 2277.50

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT—Cumberland and Harnett Counties

Phoenix, Cumberland	8 Sept.	2,	'25	10	10	3	1	1	1	4	210	223	13	10	\$57.50	\$567.50	\$567.50		
Palmyra, Harnett	147 Oct. 12,	'25	7	5	6	5	2	1	2	1	192	199	7	7	497.50	504.50	504.50		
Pine Forest, Harnett	186 Feb. 5,	'26	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	28	26	2	2	67.50	67.50	67.50			
Durbin, Cumberland	268 Oct. 31,	'25	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	30	29	1	2	72.50	74.50	74.50		
Lillington, Harnett	302 Aug. 7,	'25	1	2	5	1	1	3	3	34	36	2	2	90.00	91.00	91.00			
Evergreen, Harnett	303 July 9,	'25	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	30	31	1	1	77.50	78.50	78.50			
Lebanon, Cumberland	391 Aug. 12,	'25	2	3	3	1	1	3	3	66	67	1	2	167.50	169.50	169.50			
Cape Fear, Cumberland	394 Sept. 3,	'25	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	34	30	4	1	75.00	75.00	75.00			
Greenwood, Cumberland	419 Oct. 31,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	51	49	2	2	122.50	122.50	122.50			
King Hiram, Cumberland	466 Nov. 12,	'25	3	4	3	4	1	1	1	33	31	2	2	77.50	77.50	77.50			
Neill S. Stewart, Harnett	556 Oct. 19,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	66	72	6	3	182.50	185.50	185.50			
Coats, Harnett	622 Oct. 31,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48	46	2	1	115.00	116.00	116.00			
Black River, Harnett	652 Oct. 19,	'25	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	24	27	3	3	72.50	75.50	75.50			
Total			30	27	32	18	5	1	9	18	7	12	846	866	13	33	\$2175.00	\$2205.00	\$2205.00

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT—Wake County

NAME OF LODGE AND COUNTY	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Am't of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Hiram, Wake	40	July 21, '25	19	20	17	10	1	1	3	2	5	4	258	275	1	17	19	\$ 687.50	\$ 706.50	\$ 706.50	118.50
Neuse, Wake	97	July 29, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	51	1	2	1	127.50	128.50	128.50	128.50
Holly Spring, Wake	115	Sept. 15, '25	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	36	1	2	2	90.00	92.00	92.00	92.00
White Stone, Wake	155	Nov. 1, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	66	66	1	2	2	167.50	167.50	167.50	167.50
Rolesville, Wake	156	Nov. 14, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	34	1	2	2	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00
Mount Pleasant, Wake	157	No dues paid	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	45	1	2	1	117.50	118.50	118.50	118.50
Cary, Wake	198	Sept. 16, '25	2	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	50	1	3	3	125.00	127.00	127.00	127.00
Wm. G. Hill, Wake	218	July 16, '25	17	18	18	5	1	1	8	3	4	10	526	534	1	8	17	1335.00	1352.00	1352.00	1352.00
Wm. T. Bain, Wake	231	Aug. 26, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	33	1	1	1	82.50	82.50	82.50	82.50
Anchor, Wake	234	Sept. 16, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	27	1	1	1	67.50	68.50	68.50	68.50
Fuquay, Wake	258	Oct. 30, '25	2	5	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	59	74	1	1	2	150.00	152.00	152.00	152.00
Green Level, Wake	277	Oct. 29, '25	2	3	4	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	119	128	1	1	2	320.00	328.00	328.00	328.00
Wake Forest, Wake	282	July 24, '25	8	9	9	5	1	2	2	4	2	2	173	178	1	5	8	445.00	453.00	453.00	453.00
Raleigh, Wake	500	Aug. 31, '25	8	8	9	1	1	1	2	4	2	2	177	179	1	13	3	197.50	197.50	197.50	197.50
Wendell, Wake	565	Sept. 5, '25	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	55	57	1	1	1	172.50	175.50	175.50	175.50
Apex, Wake	584	Oct. 19, '25	1	5	5	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	58	1	1	1	147.50	148.50	148.50	148.50
Zebulon, Wake	609	Oct. 27, '25	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	37	1	1	1	97.50	97.50	97.50	97.50
Sunrise, Wake	615	Oct. 20, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	37	1	1	1	97.50	97.50	97.50	97.50
Total	67	75	77	39	4	19	22	18	17	17	17	17	1833	1833	3	64	\$ 67	\$ 4602.50	\$ 4669.50	\$ 4551.00	118.50

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT—Johnston County

Fellowship, Johnston	84 Nov. 20,	'25	3	3	6	1	1	11	3	1	126	118	8	3	\$	295.00	\$	298.00	\$	298.00	
Archer, Johnston	165 Sept. 30,	'25	3	4	4	1	1	8	2	1	43	36	7	2	3	92.50	92.50	92.50	92.50		
Granite, Johnston	191 Oct. 26,	'25	3	4	4	1	1	1	2	1	50	52	1	2	3	132.50	135.50	135.50	135.50		
Kenly, Johnston	257 Aug. 11,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	48	3	1	1	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00		
Selma, Johnston	320 Nov. 4,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	94	88	6	1	1	220.00	221.00	221.00	221.00		
Relief, Johnston	431 Oct. 31,	'25	8	6	5	1	1	1	4	1	63	66	3	8	1	165.00	173.00	173.00	173.00		
Polenta, Johnston	450 Aug. 28,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	22	1	1	1	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00		
Four Oaks, Johnston	478 Oct. 27,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	70	65	5	1	1	165.00	166.00	166.00	166.00		
Mill Creek, Johnston	480 Oct. 28,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	6	1	1	40	34	6	1	1	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00		
St. Patrick's, Johnston	617 Oct. 1,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	38	1	1	1	97.50	98.50	98.50	98.50		
Little River, Johnston	620 Oct. 19,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	29	1	1	1	72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50		
Perfection, Johnston	628 Oct. 30,	'25	5	6	5	4	1	1	1	1	40	47	1	7	5	122.50	127.50	127.50	127.50		
Total			22	20	21	9	1	31	17	7	1	667	643	37	13	\$	2162.25	\$	2164.50	\$	2164.50

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT—Nash and Wilson Counties

Morning Star, Nash	85 Oct. 30,	'25	1	1	2	4	1	1	2	2	91	95	--	1	\$	240.00	\$	241.00	\$	241.00
Joseph Warren, Wilson	92 Sept. 5,	'25	3	2	2	1	--	--	--	1	71	73	--	2	3	182.50	185.50	185.50	185.50	
Mount Lebanon, Wilson	117 July 16,	'25	4	3	5	6	1	--	--	2	185	190	--	5	4	475.00	479.00	479.00	479.00	
Central Cross, Nash	187 Oct. 28,	'25	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	1	78	74	4	--	--	190.00	190.00	190.00	190.00	
Corinthian, Nash	230 Oct. 29,	'25	11	12	12	8	1	1	1	2	245	261	--	16	11	652.50	663.50	663.50	663.50	
Toisnot, Wilson	298 Oct. 31,	'25	3	2	3	--	--	--	--	--	42	45	--	3	3	112.50	115.50	115.50	115.50	
Hatcher, Wilson	310 Oct. 29,	'25	2	--	--	4	--	1	--	1	42	44	--	2	2	115.00	117.00	117.00	117.00	
Rockville, Nash	411 Oct. 31,	'25	--	1	1	--	--	--	1	1	30	29	1	--	--	72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50	
Spring Hope, Nash	481 Sept. 12,	'25	1	1	1	1	--	--	4	2	74	69	5	--	1	172.50	173.50	173.50	173.50	
Rodgers, Nash	525 Oct. 13,	'25	1	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	79	79	--	--	--	197.50	198.50	198.50	198.50	
Lucama, Wilson	527 Oct. 31,	'25	2	3	3	--	--	--	--	--	56	59	--	3	2	152.50	154.50	154.50	154.50	
Mount Pleasant, Nash	569 Oct. 26,	'25	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	25	24	1	--	1	60.00	61.00	61.00	61.00	
Castalia, Nash	619 Dec. 17,	'25	--	2	2	--	--	1	1	2	46	44	2	--	--	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	
Bailey, Nash	633 Sept. 21,	'25	3	3	3	--	--	--	3	--	61	61	--	--	3	152.50	155.50	155.50	155.50	
Total	--	--	32	29	35	23	2	3	6	14	15	11	47	35	\$	3288.50	\$	3291.70	\$	\$2917.00

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT—Edgecomb and Martin Counties

Concord, Edgecombe	58 Sept. 10,	'25	4	3	3	3	1	--	3	3	--	118	119	--	1	\$	297.50	\$	301.50	\$	301.50
Stewarkee, Martin	90 Nov. 25,	'25	13	7	9	9	--	10	2	1	3	98	94	4	13		235.00	248.00	248.00	248.00	
Stonewall, Martin	296 Dec. 31,	'25	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	114	111	3	--		282.50	283.50	283.50	283.50	
Conoho, Martin	399 Oct. 24,	'25	3	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	57	56	1	2	3	140.00	143.00	143.00	143.00	
Maccliesfield, Edgecombe	581 Dec. 28,	'25	2	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	40	42	--	2	2	110.00	112.00	112.00	112.00	
David Bell, Edgecombe	587 Oct. 20,	'25	5	5	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	30	30	--	--	5	75.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	
Queen City, Edgecombe	602 Oct. 19,	'25	11	12	13	3	--	2	3	2	7	203	212	--	9	11	530.00	541.00	541.00	541.00	
Total	---	---	39	30	29	8	1	--	14	11	9	10	660	664	8	12	\$39	\$1670.00	\$1709.00	\$1709.00	

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued

NINETEENTH DISTRICT—Franklin, Vance and Warren Counties

NAME OF LODGE AND COUNTY	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Am't of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Joh' ton-Caswell, Warren	10	Oct. 27, '25	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	89	91	2	3	\$ 232.50	\$ 235.50	\$ 235.50	\$ 235.50
Franklinton, Franklin	123	Oct. 31, '25	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	96	93	3	2	237.50	239.50	239.50	239.50
Sandy Creek, Franklin	185	Nov. 4, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	62	61	1	1	157.50	158.50	158.50	158.50
Henderson, Vance	229	Sept. 4, '25	2	2	2	2	7	1	2	3	1	1	171	177	6	2	442.50	444.50	444.50	444.50
Cedar Rock, Franklin	286	1925 returns not received											*	26	26					
Youngsville, Franklin	377	Nov. 1, '25	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	78	76	2	2	190.00	192.00	192.00	192.00
H. F. Grainger, Vance	412	No dues paid	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	50	49	1	1	122.50	123.50	123.50	122.50
Louisburg, Franklin	413	Oct. 23, '25	1	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	100	104	4	1	260.00	261.00	261.00	261.00
Evening Star, Franklin	588	Feb. 26, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	53	53	2	1	132.50	133.50	133.50	133.50
Vaughan, Warren	604	Dec. 24, '25								2	1	1	26	24	2		60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
J. H. Mills, Vance	624	Sept. 24, '25	2	5	7	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	62	59	3	2	147.50	147.50	147.50	147.50
Norlina, Warren	630	Sept. 27, '25	2	5	7	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	67	74	7	2	185.00	187.00	187.00	187.00
Total			15	20	23	11	2	2	5	13	11	4	880	887	12	19	\$2167.50	\$2182.50	\$2060.00	122.50

* 1924 Membership entered.

TWENTIETH DISTRICT—Granville County

Adoniram, Granville	149	Sept. 16, '25							1				47	46	1		\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00
Berea, Granville	204	Nov. 1, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1		36	36			95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00
Shiloh, Granville	250	Dec. 22, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		30	24	6	1	65.00	66.00	66.00	66.00
Granville, Granville	380	Oct. 29, '25							1	1	1	1	40	40			100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Tally Ho, Granville	393	Nov. 1, '25							1	2	1	1	61	57	4		147.50	147.50	147.50	147.50
Oxford, Granville	396	Jan. 5, '25		2	2	7				4	2	2	152	155	3		392.50	392.50	392.50	392.50
Creedmoor, Granville	499	No dues paid	1						5	3	1		63	54	9	1	135.00	136.00	136.00	136.00
Total			2	3	3	7	1	1	11	12	5	3	429	412	20	3	\$21050.00	\$1052.00	\$ 916.00	136.00

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT—Alamance, Durham, Orange and Person Counties

Eagle, Orange	71	Oct.	27,	'25	10	8	9	1	1	8	3	3	2	1	141	140	1	1	\$	10	\$	350.00	\$	360.00	\$	360.00
Person, Person	113	Oct.	14,	'25	2	1	2	1	1	2	3	3	2	1	85	83	2	2	2	207.50	209.50	209.50	209.50			
Knap of Reeds, Durham	158	Sept.	21,	'25	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	58	56	2	1	1	140.00	141.00	141.00	141.00			
Eno, Durham	210	Oct.	30,	'25	7	8	5	2	2	9	1	1	1	1	165	161	4	7	7	407.50	414.50	414.50	414.50			
Oaks, Alamance	255	Oct.	2,	'25	9	1	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	1	41	40	1	1	1	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50			
Bingham, Alamance	272	Nov.	1,	'25	9	6	6	1	1	2	3	2	2	1	115	114	1	2	2	285.00	294.00	294.00	294.00			
Durham, Durham	352	Sept.	25,	'25	22	21	22	10	1	8	2	2	4	4	431	454	23	22	22	1135.00	1157.00	1157.00	1157.00			
University, Orange	408	Oct.	31,	'25	18	14	17	6	1	5	2	3	2	3	168	181	13	18	18	452.50	470.50	470.50	470.50			
Bula, Alamance	409	Sept.	26,	'25	14	9	10	2	1	3	3	3	5	149	158	00	19	14	395.00	409.00	409.00	409.00				
Thos. M. Holt, Alamance	492	Nov.	1,	'25	4	5	4	1	1	1	2	5	5	59	60	1	9	7	152.50	156.50	156.50	156.50				
Eton, Alamance	549	Aug.	24,	'25	7	9	9	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	64	73	1	9	7	182.50	189.50	189.50	189.50			
Total					94	83	87	25	1	26	28	15	20	1476	1520	11	55	\$	94	\$	3810.00	\$	3904.00	\$	3904.00	

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT—Caswell and Rockingham Counties

Dan River, Rockingham	129	Oct. 26,	'25	5	3	4	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	82	86	4	5	\$	220.00	\$	225.00	\$	225.00
Leaksville, Rockingham	136	Oct. 19,	'25	6	6	8	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	171	176	5	6	\$	442.50	\$	448.50	\$	448.50
Reidsville, Rockingham	384	Sept. 2,	'25	3	3	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	137	141	4	3	\$	352.50	\$	355.50	\$	355.50
Jno. A. Graves, Caswell	494	Jan. 18,	'26	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	70	69	1	2	\$	175.00	\$	177.00	\$	177.00
Caswell, Caswell	539	Sept. 4,	'25	2	1	1	1	2	3	3	2	3	3	1	50	42	8	1	\$	105.00	\$	105.00	\$	105.00
Wentworth, Rockingham	567	Oct. 22,	'25	5	4	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19	19	1	5	\$	47.50	\$	47.50	\$	47.50
Rockwell, Rockingham	600	Sept. 23,	'25	5	4	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	39	39	2	5	\$	97.50	\$	102.50	\$	102.50
Meadow, Rockingham	661	Aug. 3,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	32	2	1	\$	80.00	\$	81.00	\$	81.00
Total				22	18	21	5	1	8	6	6	6	6	6	598	604	9	15	\$	22	\$	1520.00	\$	1542.00

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT—Davidson and Guilford Counties

Greensboro, Guilford	76	Jan. 11,	'26	21	22	23	29	1	1	4	9	3	3	528	566	38	\$	21	\$	1420.00	\$	1441.00	\$	1441.00
Thomasville, Davidson	214	Nov. 1,	'25	21	17	15	6	1	6	7	4	4	4	138	143	5	5	21	357.50	378.50	378.50	378.50		
Tobasco, Guilford	271	Jan. 20,	'26	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	73	74	1	2	2	190.00	192.00	192.00	192.00		
Numa F. Reid, Guilford	344	Sept. 18,	'25	27	26	23	56	1	9	3	5	8	329	391	62	27	27	977.50	1004.50	1004.50	1004.50			
Farmer, Davidson	404	Dec. 30,	'25	6	4	4	2	1	5	1	2	7	71	71	1	6	8	177.50	183.50	183.50	183.50			
Stokesdale, Guilford	428	Sept. 22,	'25	8	11	13	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	74	86	12	8	215.00	223.00	223.00	223.00			
Lexington, Davidson	473	Aug. 25,	'25	12	12	12	2	1	3	4	4	4	207	214	7	12	585.00	547.00	547.00	547.00				
Corinthian, Guilford	542	Sept. 9,	'25	23	23	22	3	1	13	4	1	2	422	429	7	22	1072.50	1094.50	1094.50	1094.50				
Revolution, Guilford	552	July 8,	'25	4	5	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	160	161	1	4	402.50	406.50	406.50	406.50				
Guilford, Guilford	656	Aug. 24,	'25	7	7	7	6	1	1	1	1	1	69	81	12	7	202.50	209.50	209.50	209.50				
Total				130	129	125	106	3	1	30	31	26	21	2070	2216	146	\$	130	\$	5550.00	\$	5680.00	\$	5680.00

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT—Montgomery and Randolph Counties

NAME OF LODGE AND COUNTY	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amt of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Blackmer, Montgomery	127	Nov. 23, '25	4	3	2	2	—	—	1	1	1	1	70	69	1	—	\$ 172.50	\$ 176.50	\$ 176.50	\$ 176.50
Hanks, Randolph	128	Oct. 14, '25	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	42	41	1	—	105.00	106.00	106.00	106.00
Deep River, Randolph	164	Jan. 18, '26	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	46	42	4	—	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00
Balfour, Randolph	188	Sept. 3, '25	10	8	4	4	—	—	—	2	—	—	75	85	10	10	212.50	222.50	222.50	222.50
Randleman, Randolph	209	Oct. 10, '25	3	3	3	3	—	—	2	—	1	—	36	36	—	3	90.00	93.00	93.00	93.00
Randolph, Montgomery	309	Oct. 31, '25	3	6	6	2	5	—	—	1	1	3	82	93	11	3	237.50	240.50	240.50	240.50
Star, Montgomery	437	Oct. 23, '25	4	5	3	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	50	55	5	4	142.50	146.50	146.50	146.50
Star, Montgomery	437	Oct. 23, '25	4	5	3	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	50	55	5	4	142.50	146.50	146.50	146.50
Marietta, Randolph	444	Dec. 30, '25	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	78	75	3	1	192.50	193.50	193.50	193.50
Carolina, Randolph	546	Aug. 24, '25	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39	40	1	3	100.00	103.00	103.00	103.00
Biscoe, Montgomery	577	Oct. 31, '25	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	49	49	—	2	127.50	129.50	129.50	129.50
Total	—	—	31	27	26	14	5	4	12	10	4	566	585	9	28	\$ 31	\$ 1490.00	\$ 1521.00	\$ 1521.00	\$ 1521.00

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT—Cabarrus, Rowan and Stanly Counties

NAME OF LODGE AND COUNTY	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Amt of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Stokes, Cabarrus	32	Oct. 31, '25	10	8	9	4	—	—	2	—	4	3	196	203	7	10	\$ 509.00	\$ 519.00	\$ 519.00	\$ 519.00
Fulton, Rowan	99	Sept. 15, '25	13	15	14	8	1	—	2	7	2	8	279	291	12	13	727.50	740.50	740.50	740.50
Fee Dee, Stanly	150	July 20, '25	5	6	6	—	—	—	4	1	2	4	72	71	1	—	127.50	182.50	182.50	182.50
Scotch-Ireland, Rowan	154	July 1, '25	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	2	72	72	3	3	180.00	183.00	183.00	183.00
Eureka, Rowan	283	Aug. 5, '25	4	3	3	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	109	111	2	4	277.50	281.50	281.50	281.50
Patterson, Cabarrus	307	July 25, '25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29	29	—	—	72.50	72.50	72.50	72.50
Stanly, Stanly	348	Nov. 27, '25	11	10	9	2	2	—	5	8	4	5	201	197	4	11	492.50	503.50	503.50	503.50
Big Lick, Stanly	476	Sept. 11, '25	2	3	3	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	59	54	5	—	135.00	137.00	137.00	137.00
Spencer, Rowan	543	July 23, '25	2	8	8	5	—	—	1	7	1	17	176	180	4	9	450.00	459.00	459.00	459.00
Andrew Jackson, Rowan	576	Oct. 10, '25	21	22	18	25	—	—	2	2	1	4	153	191	38	21	477.50	498.50	498.50	498.50
Midland, Cabarrus	618	Sept. 26, '25	2	2	1	—	—	—	1	3	1	1	42	40	2	—	200.00	102.00	102.00	102.00
Cannon Mem., Cabarrus	626	July 16, '25	5	5	5	2	—	—	—	5	0	1	118	122	4	5	305.00	310.00	310.00	310.00
Yadkin Falls, Stanly	637	Aug. 13, '25	10	10	8	5	—	—	2	5	0	1	64	70	6	10	175.00	185.00	185.00	185.00
Keller Mem., Rowan	657	Sept. 24, '25	5	6	6	—	—	—	—	4	1	1	23	24	1	5	60.00	65.00	65.00	65.00
Total	—	—	100	97	92	53	3	—	24	47	18	51	1596	1655	15	74	\$ 100	\$ 4139.00	\$ 4239.00	\$ 4239.00

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT—Anson and Union Counties

Kilwinning, Anson	64	Oct. 24,	'25	4	2	2	3	—	—	—	3	1	1	146	147	—	1	\$	4	\$	367.50	\$	371.50	\$	371.50
Caroline, Anson	141	Sept. 23,	'25	5	5	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	28	—	7	5	70.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00		
Monroe, Union	244	Sept. 10,	'25	7	7	7	1	—	—	—	2	4	5	216	218	—	2	7	545.00	552.00	552.00	552.00	552.00		
Beaver Dam, Union	276	Sept. 23,	'25	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72	76	—	4	1	190.00	191.00	191.00	191.00	191.00		
Bethel, Anson	372	Nov. 7,	'25	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	53	50	3	—	—	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00		
Waxhaw, Union	562	Sept. 10,	'25	2	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76	77	—	1	2	192.50	194.50	194.50	194.50	194.50		
St. Timothy, Union	575	Aug. 22,	'25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	36	6	—	—	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00		
Meadow Branch, Union	578	Oct. 6,	'25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	53	54	—	—	—	135.00	135.00	135.00	135.00	135.00		
Lilesville, Anson	582	Oct. 17,	'25	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	40	40	—	—	1	100.00	101.00	101.00	101.00	101.00		
Gulledge Mem., Anson	597	Dec. 31,	'25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47	45	2	—	—	117.50	117.50	117.50	117.50	117.50		
Lionville, Union	632	Oct. 28,	'25	5	5	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	39	43	—	4	5	107.50	112.50	112.50	112.50	112.50		
Total	—	—	—	25	23	28	10	—	1	1	1	21	6	8	805	814	11	20	\$	25	\$2040.00	\$2065.00	\$2065.00		

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT—Mecklenburg County

Phalanx, Mecklenburg	31	Nov. 1,	'25	15	15	15	13	3	—	—	8	11	8	7	707	715	—	8	\$	15	\$1787.50	\$1802.50	\$1802.50
Mecklenburg, Mecklen.	176	July 20,	'25	3	2	2	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	56	57	—	1	3	142.50	145.50	145.50	145.50
Long Creek, Mecklenb'g	205	Sept. 16,	'25	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	62	58	4	—	1	145.00	146.00	146.00	146.00
Excelsior, Mecklenburg	261	Oct. 19,	'25	32	31	32	19	—	—	—	1	6	8	4	13	666	698	—	32	32	1745.00	1777.00	1777.00
Craighead, Mecklenburg	366	Oct. 31,	'25	9	9	9	9	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	76	83	—	7	9	210.00	219.00	219.00	219.00
Pineville, Mecklenburg	455	Jan. 16,	'26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	51	52	—	—	—	130.00	130.00	130.00	130.00
Mathews, Mecklenburg	461	July 16,	'25	2	1	4	—	—	—	—	6	—	2	1	90	86	4	—	2	215.00	217.00	217.00	217.00
Joppa, Mecklenburg	530	Oct. 31,	'25	18	20	20	13	5	—	—	1	11	9	11	539	555	—	16	18	1387.50	1405.50	1405.50	1405.50
Williams, Mecklenburg	538	Oct. 31,	'25	5	5	5	4	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	59	58	1	—	5	145.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Paw Creek, Mecklenburg	659	July 7,	'25	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	25	—	2	—	62.50	62.50	62.50	62.50
Total	—	—	—	85	84	94	48	8	2	32	41	17	32	323	29	2387	9	67	\$	85	\$5970.00	\$6055.00	\$6055.00

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT—Gaston and Lincoln Counties

Lincoln, Lincoln	137	July 2,	'25	5	11	13	7	—	—	—	3	3	—	1	161	175	—	14	\$	5	\$	437.50	\$	442.50
Gaston, Gaston	263	July 20,	'25	3	4	4	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	92	93	—	1	3	232.50	235.50	235.50	235.50	
Rock Springs, Lincoln	341	Oct. 26,	'25	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	46	46	—	—	2	120.00	122.00	122.00	122.00	
Gaston, Gaston	369	Oct. 23,	'25	31	32	33	4	—	—	—	14	4	2	—	529	548	—	19	31	1370.00	1401.00	1401.00	1401.00	
South Forth, Gaston	462	Oct. 24,	'25	2	2	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	103	107	—	4	2	267.50	269.50	269.50	269.50	
Cherryville, Gaston	505	Aug. 27,	'25	8	7	7	7	1	—	—	1	2	1	1	140	151	—	11	8	377.50	385.50	385.50	385.50	
Whetstone, Gaston	515	Oct. 29,	'25	1	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	93	96	—	3	1	240.00	241.00	241.00	241.00	
Mount Holly, Gaston	544	Sept. 14,	'25	4	5	5	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	1	85	86	—	1	4	215.00	219.00	219.00	219.00	
Lowell, Gaston	590	Sept. 5,	'25	9	10	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	89	99	—	10	9	247.50	256.50	256.50	256.50	
Belmont, Gaston	627	Oct. 23,	'25	6	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	—	110	112	—	2	6	285.00	291.00	291.00	291.00	
Total	—	—	—	71	80	86	23	1	—	5	30	10	10	1448	1513	—	—	65	\$	71	\$3792.50	\$3863.50	\$3863.50	

Elkin, Surry	454	Sept. 22, '25	1	2	3	3	4	1	129	130	1	325.00	326.00	326.00	17.50						
Rusk, Surry	456	Nov. 10, '25	7	10	10	1	8	2	67	55	12	142.50	142.50	125.00							
Pilot, Surry	493	Nov. 10, '25	7	10	10	1	3	3	94	99	5	247.50	254.50	254.50							
State Road, Surry	540	Dec. 31, '25	2	1	1	1	1	1	41	41	1	102.50	102.50	102.50	129.50						
Zephyr, Surry	553	No dues paid	2	1	1	1	1	1	50	50	2	127.50	129.50	73.50							
Ararat, Surry	558	Oct. 1, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	28	6	72.50	73.50	100.00							
Roaring Gap, Surry	599	Dec. 2, '25	2	2	2	2	1	6	49	40	9	100.00	100.00	100.00							
Round Peak, Surry	616	Aug. 24, '25	2	2	2	2	2	1	65	65	2	162.50	164.50	164.50							
Total			24	32	33	8	1	1	20	28	11	3	919	901	34	16	24	\$2280.00	\$2304.00	\$2154.50	149.50

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT—Yadkin County

Yadkin, Yadkin	162	Aug. 11, '25	4	4	4	1	1	2	29	33	4	\$	82.50	\$	86.50	\$	86.50	
Jonesville, Yadkin	227	Oct. 24, '25	3	3	3	1	1	1	46	45	1	112.50	112.50	112.50	112.50			
Harmon, Yadkin	420	Sept. 11, '25	3	3	3	1	1	1	21	21	3	52.50	52.50	52.50	52.50			
Boonville, Yadkin	421	Oct. 30, '25	3	3	3	1	1	1	28	28	3	70.00	73.00	73.00	73.00			
Baltimore, Yadkin	424	Nov. 4, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	47	1	117.50	117.50	117.50	117.50			
West Bend, Yadkin	434	July 7, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	22	2	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00			
Lone Hickory, Yadkin	512	Nov. 18, '25	1	1	1	1	1	2	29	27	2	70.00	70.00	70.00	70.00			
Oak Grove, Yadkin	557	Sept. 2, '25	1	1	1	1	1	4	41	33	8	82.50	83.50	83.50	83.50			
Total			8	6	6	1	2	1	263	256	11	4	\$	642.50	\$	650.50	\$	650.50

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT—Wilkes County

Liberty, Wilkes	45	Nov. 4, '25	1	1	2	3	1	1	40	38	2	\$	100.00	\$	101.00	\$	101.00	
Moravian, Wilkes	353	Oct. 26, '25	1	3	3	5	1	1	67	64	3	1	165.00	166.00	166.00	166.00		
Liberty Grove, Wilkes	407	Sept. 2, '25	3	3	3	1	1	3	98	103	5	3	257.50	260.50	260.50	260.50		
Millers Creek, Wilkes	415	Aug. 26, '25	1	2	2	1	1	1	49	50	1	1	125.00	126.00	126.00	126.00		
Clingman, Wilkes	440	Dec. 31, '25	1	1	1	1	5	1	66	60	6	1	150.00	151.00	151.00	151.00		
Trap Hill, Wilkes	483	Oct. 8, '25	1	1	1	7	2	1	64	54	10	1	137.50	137.50	137.50	137.50		
Bugaboo, Wilkes	490	Oct. 8, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	40	1	1	102.50	102.50	102.50	102.50		
Sulphur Springs, Wilkes	560	Aug. 26, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	67	66	1	1	165.00	166.00	166.00	166.00		
Ronda, Wilkes	566	Oct. 2, '25	1	1	1	1	2	1	33	31	2	1	77.50	77.50	77.50	77.50		
Mount Pleasant, Wilkes	573	Dec. 31, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	47	46	1	1	115.00	115.00	115.00	115.00		
Summit, Wilkes	580	Oct. 27, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	29	1	1	77.50	77.50	77.50	77.50		
Roaring Gap, Wilkes	599	Dec. 2, '25	1	1	1	1	6	1	49	40	9	1	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		
Mount Pisgah, Wilkes	623	Oct. 27, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	39	2	1	97.50	97.50	97.50	97.50		
Total			8	9	11	7	8	20	689	660	36	7	\$	1670.00	\$	1678.00	\$	1678.00

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT—Alleghany and Ash Counties

NAME OF LODGE AND COUNTY	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Increase	Decrease	Amount Due From Initiations	Am't of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Jefferson, Ashe	219	Sept. 30, '25	1	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	52	6	1	\$ 132.50	\$ 132.50	\$ 132.50	\$ 132.50	
Scottsville, Ashe	385	Dec. 2, '25	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	43	42	1	1	107.50	107.50	107.50	107.50	
Sparta, Alleghany	423	Oct. 10, '25	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	5	7	1	73	64	9	1	162.50	163.50	163.50	163.50	
Piney Creek, Alleghany	432	Oct. 30, '25	1	2	3	1	1	10	2	1	2	1	89	79	10	1	197.50	198.50	198.50	198.50	
Crumpler, Ashe	467	Sept. 23, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	62	62	1	1	156.00	156.00	156.00	156.00	
Helton, Ashe	594	1925 returns not received	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	101	*101	1	1	112.50	113.50	113.50	113.50	
Laurel Branch, Alleghany	603	Oct. 23, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49	44	5	1	132.50	136.50	136.50	136.50	
Ashe, Ashe	640	Oct. 27, '25	4	6	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	51	8	4	132.50	136.50	136.50	136.50	
Total			9	16	21	4	1	2	20	10	5	5	506	495	25	14	\$ 1001.00	\$ 1009.00	\$ 1009.00	\$ 1009.00	

* 1924 Membership entered.

THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT—Avery and Watauga Counties

Watauga, Watauga	273	Dec. 22, '25	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	3	2	2	102	104	2	2	\$ 260.00	\$ 262.00	\$ 262.00	\$ 262.00	
Snow, Watauga	363	Oct. 27, '25	2	4	4	4	1	15	5	1	3	1	134	118	16	4	295.00	299.00	299.00	299.00	
Elk, Watauga	373	Oct. 23, '25	4	3	3	5	1	2	2	5	2	1	56	62	6	2	155.00	157.00	157.00	157.00	
Ashler, Watauga	451	Nov. 4, '25	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	5	1	1	60	59	1	1	147.50	148.50	148.50	148.50	
Blowing Rock, Watauga	458	Oct. 27, '25	5	5	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	48	8	5	135.00	130.00	130.00	130.00	
Linville, Avery	489	Nov. 1, '25	2	2	3	3	1	6	2	2	1	2	110	105	5	2	267.50	269.50	269.50	269.50	
Cranberry, Avery	598	Oct. 22, '25	2	2	2	4	3	1	5	5	2	2	87	87	1	2	222.50	224.50	224.50	224.50	
Plumtree, Avery	648	Aug. 29, '25	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	36	40	4	3	100.00	103.00	103.00	103.00	
Banners Elk, Avery	655	Nov. 1, '25	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	29	31	2	2	82.50	84.50	84.50	84.50	
Total			23	27	30	17	2	21	22	6	7	654	654	654	22	23	\$ 1655.00	\$ 1678.00	\$ 1678.00	\$ 1678.00	

THIRTY-SIXTH DISTRICT—Burke, Caldwell and Catawba Counties

Catawba Valley, Burke	217	Sept. 30,	'25	7	8	6	6	1	3	3	3	147	152	5	5	7	382.50	389.50	\$	389.50
Catawba	248	Oct. 31,	'25	5	5	6	6	1	5	5	1	146	151	5	5	5	377.50	382.50	\$	382.50
Hibriten, Caldwell	262	Oct. 29,	'25	8	10	10	3	1	2	2	5	215	221	6	8	8	552.50	560.50	\$	560.50
Hickory, Catawba	343	Oct. 1,	'25	3	4	2	7	1	2	2	5	215	218	3	3	3	547.50	550.50	\$	550.50
Shawnee, Catawba	382	Aug. 12,	'25	4	4	2	2	1	2	2	1	38	38	3	3	4	95.00	95.00	\$	95.00
Cookville, Catawba	502	Aug. 26,	'25	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	48	51	3	4	4	127.50	131.50	\$	131.50
Maiden, Catawba	592	Oct. 30,	'25	4	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	59	59	1	1	1	150.00	150.00	\$	150.00
Riverside, Catawba	606	Aug. 24,	'25	4	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	69	70	1	1	1	175.00	179.00	\$	179.00
Total				31	33	30	26	1	1	3	22	812	937	23	31	31	\$2407.50	\$2438.50		\$2438.50

THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT—Cleveland County

Cleveland, Cleveland	202	Oct. 9,	'25	16	15	14	18	2	4	1	10	250	279	29	16	16	700.00	716.00	\$	716.00
Fairview, Cleveland	339	Aug. 11,	'25	5	7	7	4	1	2	1	5	112	115	3	5	5	287.50	292.50	\$	292.50
Fallston, Cleveland	356	Dec. 28,	'25	2	3	3	0	1	1	1	2	47	47	2	2	2	117.50	119.50	\$	119.50
State Line, Cleveland	375	July 15,	'25	3	6	6	6	1	4	4	1	54	62	8	3	3	155.00	158.00	\$	158.00
Mooresboro, Cleveland	388	Oct. 27,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	76	69	7	1	1	172.50	172.50	\$	172.50
Boiling Springs, Clev'd	464	Oct. 27,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	1	50	40	10	1	1	102.50	103.50	\$	103.50
Lawndale, Cleveland	486	Nov. 1,	'25	4	3	2	1	1	3	2	2	64	64	4	4	4	160.00	164.00	\$	164.00
Lattimore, Cleveland	508	Sept. 21,	'25	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	63	65	2	1	1	162.50	163.50	\$	163.50
Camp Call, Cleveland	534	Oct. 19,	'25	3	1	2	2	1	3	3	1	65	64	1	3	3	165.00	168.00	\$	168.00
Sharon, Cleveland	537	Oct. 28,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	24	1	1	1	60.00	61.00	\$	61.00
Cesar, Cleveland	579	Sept. 11,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28	27	1	1	1	67.50	67.50	\$	67.50
Total				36	36	33	31	3	3	14	21	834	856	42	36	36	\$2150.00	\$2186.00		\$2186.00

THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT—Henderson, Polk and Transylvania Counties

Dunn's Rock, Transylv.	267	July 18,	'25	3	5	5	1	--	4	2	4	157	153	4	--	3	\$	382.50	\$	385.50
Kedron, Henderson	387	July 21,	'25	4	4	6	6	3	1	--	2	146	157	--	11	4	392.50	396.50		
Saluda, Polk	482	Aug. 21,	'25	2	2	1	1	--	1	--	1	57	56	1	2	2	140.00	142.00		
Skryka, Polk	605	Sept. 15,	'25	1	1	1	1	--	1	--	1	58	57	1	--	--	142.50	142.50		
Mill Springs, Polk	636	Aug. 25,	'25	12	11	9	2	--	2	7	1	44	45	--	1	12	112.50	124.50		
Total				21	23	21	10	4	3	11	6	914	462	468	6	12	\$	\$1170.00	\$1191.00	

THIRTY-NINTH DISTRICT—Buncombe County

NAME OF LODGE AND COUNTY	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Increase	Decrease	From Initiations	Am't of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
Mt. Hermon, Buncombe	118	Sept. 7, '25	30	34	33	19	2	—	29	9	9	13	771	778	—	—	7	30	\$1945.00	\$1975.00	\$1975.00
Blackmer, Buncombe	170	Oct. 19, '25	1	1	1	4	—	—	—	3	—	—	79	81	—	—	2	1	205.00	206.00	206.00
Vance, Buncombe	293	Mar. 5, '26	2	2	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	82	82	—	—	2	2	205.00	207.00	207.00
Center, Buncombe	398	Dec. 14, '25	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	58	58	—	—	—	—	145.00	145.00	145.00
Biltmore, Buncombe	446	Aug. 12, '25	23	22	22	2	1	—	5	5	5	1	168	178	—	—	10	23	445.00	468.00	468.00
Hominy, Buncombe	491	Oct. 27, '25	5	8	10	1	—	—	3	1	—	—	56	63	—	—	7	5	162.50	167.50	167.50
Barnardsville, Buncombe	511	No dues paid	2	2	2	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	28	23	5	—	—	—	62.50	62.50	62.50
Ottolay, Buncombe	533	Aug. 28, '25	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	50	49	1	—	—	—	122.50	122.50	122.50
Swannanoa, Buncombe	561	July 22, '25	4	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	51	54	—	—	3	4	135.00	139.00	139.00
Jno. A. Nichols, B'combe	650	Sept. 11, '25	7	6	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	1	56	66	—	—	10	7	165.00	172.00	172.00
Black Mtn., Buncombe	663	Oct. 9, '25	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	24	27	—	—	3	2	67.50	69.50	69.50
Total	—	—	74	74	75	38	4	1	43	20	17	16	1423	1459	6	42	74	\$3660.00	\$3734.00	\$3771.50	62.50

FORTIETH DISTRICT—Mitchell and Yancey Counties

Burnsville, Yancey	192	Nov. 11, '25	2	2	3	4	2	—	—	8	3	—	129	127	2	—	—	2	\$ 320.00	\$ 322.00	\$ 322.00
Bakersville, Mitchell	357	Sept. 15, '25	—	1	1	—	8	—	—	6	—	—	77	69	8	—	—	—	172.50	172.50	172.50
Bald Creek, Yancey	397	Jan. 18, '26	1	3	3	1	1	—	12	10	—	—	186	169	17	—	—	1	422.50	423.50	423.50
Eastern Star, Yancey	425	Sept. 1, '25	—	—	—	—	2	—	29	1	1	—	56	27	29	—	—	—	67.50	67.50	67.50
Bee Log, Yancey	548	Nov. 4, '25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	69	70	—	—	—	—	175.00	175.00	175.00
Vesper, Mitchell	554	Nov. 6, '25	8	9	8	7	—	—	6	8	1	1	108	107	1	—	—	8	272.50	280.50	280.50
Pensacola, Yancey	647	1925 returns not received	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	37	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	11	15	15	12	15	1	58	33	6	1	662	606	57	1	11	\$1430.00	\$1441.00	\$1441.00	—

* 1924 Membership entered.

FORTY-FIRST DISTRICT—Haywood and Madison Counties

Waynesville, Haywood	259 Nov. 1, '25	5	6	9	8	2	4	3	1	5	5	147	147	9	5	367.50	\$ 367.50	\$ 367.50
French Broad, Madison	232 Nov. 18, '25	5	6	9	8	2	4	3	1	5	5	147	147	9	5	367.50	\$ 367.50	\$ 367.50
Mars Hill, Madison	370 Jan. 19, '26	2	3	3	3	10	5	3	10	5	3	124	109	15	2	277.50	\$ 277.50	\$ 277.50
Pigeon River, Haywood	386 Oct. 6, '25	6	3	3	3	10	5	3	10	5	3	124	109	15	2	277.50	\$ 277.50	\$ 277.50
White Rock, Madison	392 Dec. 18, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	66	51	15	6	435.00	\$ 435.00	\$ 435.00
Ivy, Madison	406 Dec. 31, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	53	50	3	1	128.50	\$ 128.50	\$ 128.50
Clyde, Haywood	453 Nov. 10, '25	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	124	113	11	1	125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Sonoma, Haywood	472 Oct. 30, '25	7	7	7	7	1	2	1	8	3	3	103	107	4	7	282.50	\$ 282.50	\$ 282.50
Total		22	21	26	14	4	132	20	24	10	959	926	46	13	22	\$2330.00	\$2342.00	\$2342.00

FORTY-SECOND DISTRICT—Jackson, Macon and Swain Counties

Junaluska, Macon	145 Aug. 27,	'25	7	6	5	6	1	2	3	101	109	8	7	\$ 272.50	\$ 279.50	\$ 279.50
Unaka, Jackson	268 Oct. 6,	'25	2	1	1	1	1	3	85	44	44	1	2	112.50	114.50	114.50
East La Port, Jackson	358 Nov. 4,	'25	3	17	4	2	2	1	3	88	88	3	3	225.00	228.00	228.00
Oconee, Swain	427 Oct. 29,	'25	10	19	11	1	2	4	3	205	239	24	10	580.00	590.00	590.00
Blue Ridge, Macon	435 Oct. 27,	'25	1	1	1	1	1	3	57	54	54	3	3	137.50	137.50	137.50
Dillsboro, Jackson	459 Nov. 1,	'25	3	3	3	3	1	1	46	49	49	3	3	127.50	130.50	130.00
Sylva, Jackson	513 Oct. 31,	'25	2	4	4	1	1	1	86	88	88	2	2	225.00	225.00	225.00
Glenville, Jackson	551 Dec. 5,	'25	25	33	37	19	1	2	1	682	720	3	41	\$1827.50	\$1852.50	\$1852.50
Total			25	33	37	19	1	2	1	610	9	682	720	3	41	\$1852.50

FORTY-THIRD DISTRICT—Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties

Cherokee, Cherokee	146 Nov. 4, '25	2	2	2	1	1	2	92	93	1	2	\$ 232.50	\$ 234.50	\$ 234.50
Clay, Clay	301 Sept. 16, '25	4	3	5	5	6	3	104	100	4	4	250.00	254.00	254.00
Bellview, Cherokee	416 1925 returns not received							23	23	*				
Montgomery, Cherokee	426				5	3	2	44	49	5	5			
Marble Spgs., Cherokee	439 Nov. 11, '25				2		2	51	50	1		122.50	122.50	80.00
Brastown, Cherokee	485 Oct. 5, '25	3	3	2	1		1	36	39	3	3	130.00	130.00	130.00
Unaka, Cherokee	506 Oct. 14, '25					1	1	72	69	3		97.50	100.50	100.50
Andrews, Cherokee	529 Oct. 8, '25	1	1	1	1		2	92	102	10		175.00	175.00	175.00
Grand View, Cherokee	608 Nov. 1, '25						3	57	51	6		255.00	255.00	255.00
Shoal Creek, Cherokee	644 Nov. 27, '25				1	1	2	44	43	1		132.50	132.50	132.50
Total		9	9	10	19	4	1	615	619	15	19	\$ 1502.50	\$ 1511.50	\$ 1469.00

* 1924 Membership entered.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES—Continued

FORTY-FOURTH DISTRICT—McDowell and Rutherford Counties

NAME OF LODGE AND COUNTY	Number	Date Dues Paid	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount Due From Initiations	Am't of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
West'n Star, Rutherford	91	Oct. 23, '25	6	7	7	10	--	--	1	4	1	2	142	153	--	11	\$ 6	\$ 382.50	\$ 388.50	\$ 388.50	\$ 388.50
Mystic Tie, McDowell	237	Oct. 16, '25	8	8	9	3	--	2	1	5	1	--	208	212	--	4	8	532.50	540.50	540.50	540.50
Forest City, Rutherford	381	Oct. 10, '25	8	10	8	7	--	--	2	2	1	--	97	107	--	10	8	270.00	278.00	278.00	278.00
Joppa, McDowell	401	Nov. 17, '25	2	1	1	1	--	--	3	3	--	--	68	64	4	--	2	160.00	162.00	162.00	162.00
Henrietta, Rutherford	460	Dec. 31, '25	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	5	2	--	64	53	11	--	--	137.50	137.50	137.50	137.50
Caroleen, Rutherford	510	Dec. 24, '25	--	--	--	1	--	2	--	1	1	--	71	69	2	--	--	177.50	177.50	177.50	177.50
Ellenboro, Rutherford	531	1925 returns not received	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	32	32	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hollis, Rutherford	535	Aug. 6, '25	--	--	4	1	1	--	--	2	1	--	51	48	3	--	--	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00
Cliffside, Rutherford	572	Sept. 11, '25	3	3	4	1	1	--	2	--	--	1	59	63	--	4	3	157.50	160.50	160.50	160.50
Total	--	--	27	29	30	23	1	4	12	22	7	3	792	801	20	29	\$ 27	\$ 1937.50	\$ 1964.50	\$ 1964.50	\$ 1964.50

* 1925 Membership entered.

RECAPITULATION OF ABSTRACT OF RETURNS

District	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Admitted	Reinstated	Expelled	Suspended	Withdrawn	Died	Rejected	Membership Previous Year	Present Membership	Decrease	Increase	Amount due from Initiations	Am't of Grand Lodge Dues	Total Amount Due	Amount Paid	Balance Due
1	45	50	45	9	1	1	10	9	10	5	800	826	11	37	45.00	2075.00	2120.00	2120.00	---
2	26	24	21	7	1	1	11	11	11	7	538	542	6	10	26.00	1380.00	1406.00	1406.00	---
3	22	26	25	7	1	1	4	13	8	5	577	584	8	15	22.00	1475.00	1497.00	1497.00	---
4	18	25	25	12	1	1	7	15	6	11	987	995	8	14	18.00	2497.50	2515.50	2515.50	---
5	12	10	12	11	4	1	7	15	12	5	767	752	16	10	12.00	1892.50	1904.50	1899.50	*
6	35	32	35	25	7	2	13	14	19	8	1081	1100	14	33	35.00	2787.50	2802.50	2715.00	87.50
7	38	34	37	11	2	1	5	10	15	8	907	927	7	27	38.00	2332.50	2370.50	2370.50	---
8	10	10	14	6	2	1	6	5	3	3	341	348	3	10	10.00	877.50	887.50	887.50	---
9	29	30	36	6	1	1	15	33	12	6	804	786	40	22	29.00	1925.50	1954.50	1954.50	---
10	53	59	65	20	3	1	19	35	17	20	1675	1691	10	26	53.00	4240.00	4293.00	4293.00	---
11	33	37	35	16	2	2	15	21	10	7	954	959	13	18	33.00	2420.00	2453.00	2453.00	---
12	39	28	31	16	1	1	13	4	7	9	789	813	6	30	39.00	2047.50	2086.50	2086.50	---
13	25	28	35	16	1	1	11	11	9	4	871	899	6	34	25.00	2252.50	2277.50	2277.50	---
14	30	27	32	18	5	1	9	18	7	12	846	866	13	33	30.00	2175.00	2205.00	2205.00	---
15	67	75	77	39	4	1	19	22	18	17	1772	1833	3	64	67.00	4602.50	4669.50	4551.00	118.50
16	22	20	21	9	1	3	31	17	7	1	667	643	37	13	22.00	1622.50	1644.50	1644.50	---
17	32	29	35	23	2	3	6	14	15	21	1125	1147	13	35	32.00	2885.00	2917.00	2917.00	---
18	39	30	29	8	1	1	14	11	9	10	660	664	8	12	39.00	1670.00	1709.00	1709.00	---
19	15	20	23	11	2	1	15	13	11	4	880	887	12	19	15.00	2167.50	2182.50	2060.00	122.50
20	2	3	3	7	1	1	11	12	5	3	429	412	22	3	2.00	1050.00	1052.00	916.00	136.00
21	94	83	87	25	1	1	26	28	15	20	1476	1520	11	55	94.00	3810.00	3904.00	3904.00	---
22	22	18	21	5	1	1	8	6	6	6	598	604	9	15	22.00	1520.00	1542.00	1542.00	---
23	130	129	125	106	3	1	30	31	26	21	2070	2216	146	146	130.00	5550.00	5680.00	5680.00	---
24	31	27	26	14	5	3	4	12	10	4	566	585	9	28	31.00	1490.00	1521.00	1521.00	---
25	100	97	92	53	3	1	24	47	18	51	1596	1655	15	74	100.00	4139.00	4239.00	4239.00	---
26	25	23	28	10	1	1	1	21	6	8	805	814	11	20	25.00	2040.00	2065.00	2065.00	---
27	85	84	94	48	8	2	32	41	17	32	2329	2387	9	67	85.00	5970.00	6055.00	6055.00	---
28	71	80	86	23	1	1	5	30	10	10	1448	1513	20	65	71.00	3792.50	3863.50	3863.50	---
29	34	33	44	1	1	1	6	27	19	11	755	781	20	46	29.00	1952.50	1981.50	1981.50	---
30	51	57	60	30	1	1	3	9	13	11	1176	1176	1	66	51.00	2945.00	2996.00	2996.00	---
31	24	32	33	8	1	1	20	28	11	13	919	901	34	16	24.00	2380.00	2304.00	2154.50	149.50

RECAPITULATION OF ABSTRACT OF RETURN—Continued

32	8	6	6	1	2	8	6	2	263	256	11	4	8.00	642.50	650.50	650.50	
33	8	9	11	7	1	2	20	11	689	660	36	7	8.00	1670.00	1678.00	1678.00	
34	9	16	21	4	1	2	20	5	506	495	25	14	8.00	1001.00	1009.00	1009.00	
35	23	27	30	17	2	1	22	6	654	654	22	22	23.00	1655.00	1678.00	1678.00	
36	31	33	30	26	1	3	22	8	937	960	--	23	31.00	2407.50	2438.50	2438.50	
37	36	36	38	31	3	3	14	21	834	856	20	42	36.00	2150.00	2186.00	2186.00	
38	21	23	21	10	4	1	11	6	1423	1459	6	12	21.00	1170.00	1191.00	1191.00	
39	74	74	75	38	4	1	43	20	17	16	423	6	42	74.00	3660.00	3734.00	3734.00
40	11	15	15	12	15	1	58	33	6	1	662	606	57	1	11.00	1441.00	1441.00
41	22	21	26	14	4	1	32	20	959	926	46	13	22.00	2320.00	2342.00	2342.00	
42	25	33	37	19	1	2	1	6	682	720	3	41	25.00	1827.50	1852.50	1852.50	
43	9	9	10	19	4	1	10	11	615	619	15	19	9.00	1502.50	1511.50	1511.50	
44	27	29	30	23	1	4	12	22	792	801	20	29	27.00	1937.50	1964.50	1964.50	
---	1558	1592	1671	1864	1107	48	624	795	483	434	406	1332	\$1557.00	\$103218.00	\$104775.00	\$104051.00	\$719.00

* Overpaid \$5.00 in 1924.

Index

A

Assistant Grand Lecturers, list of	7
present at Grand Lodge	12
Abstract of returns	281
Recapitulation	301
Andrews, A. B., P.G.M.:	
presents statement for Finance Committee	120
makes report as trustee Permanent Fund	186
introduces resolution relative to standards of recognition of other Grand Lodges	186
Allen, J. Edward:	
makes report as representative to George Washington Memorial Association	180
offers resolution to recognize York Grand Lodge of Mexico	186
Appointments of John E. Cameron, Grand Master, confirmed by Grand Lodge:	
S. M. Gattis, P.G.M., to Board of General Purposes	191
S. N. Boyce, to Board of Custodians	191
Leon Cash, P.G.M., to Board of Custodians	192
appointive officers	192
committees	192

B

Board of:	
General Purposes, list of	7
Custodians, list of	7
Directors Oxford Orphanage, list of	8
Directors Masonic and Eastern Star Home, list of	8
General Purposes, report of	122
Custodians, report of	171
Bickle, Dr. L. A., Stokes Lodge, No. 32, introduced	92
Braswell, J. C., P.G.M.:	
representative to Grand Masters' Conference, report of	99
made representative to Masonic Service Association	157

C

Cameron, John E., Grand Master, sketch of	3
Committees:	
standing	9, 192
special	10, 193
Clark, H. I., P.G.M., motion of, that Senior Warden of every lodge be instructed to read Grand Master's Address before the lodge during the year	44
Committee on:	
Credentials, report of	14
Unfinished Business, report of	95
Propositions and Grievances, report of	124
Necrology, report of	142
Masonic Loan Fund, report of	158

Oxford Orphanage, report of	166
Jurisprudence, report of	167, 188
Finance, report of	173
revenue	173
expenditures of 1925	174
financial	174
Permanent Fund	174
Grand Charity Fund	175
Oxford Orphanage	175
school building at Orphanage	176
Masonic and Eastern Star Home	176
Grand Lodge notes outstanding	176
Masonic Educational Commission	176
George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association	177
Masonic Service Association	177
Masonic Relief Association	177
National Masonic Tuberculosis Association	177
Masonic history of North Carolina	177
revoked appropriation	178
authority to borrow from Grand Charity Fund	178
financial	178
estimated receipts	178
budget	179
Appeals, report of	182
Charters and Dispensations, report of	185
Cash, Leon, retiring Grand Master, presented Past Grand Master's Apron	190

D

District Deputy Grand Masters:	
list of	8
present at Grand Lodge	13
report for Masonic districts:	
second	219
fourth	220
sixth	220
seventh	222
ninth	223
thirteenth	224
fifteenth	226
sixteenth	226
nineteenth	227
twenty-first	228
twenty-fifth	229
twenty-sixth	233
twenty-eighth	234
twenty-ninth	234
thirty-third	235
thirty-fourth	236
thirty-fifth	237
thirty-eighth	237
thirty-ninth	238
fortieth	240

forty-first	241
forty-second	243
forty-third	244
Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund, report of	89
Dunn, R. C.:	
introduces resolution relative to ritualistic work	182
presents Past Grand Master's apron to Past Grand Mas- ter Leon Cash	190
Deaths reported to Grand Lodge during year	248

E

Educational Field Secretary, report of	100
our educational program	101
lectures on the ritualistic work	102
educational meetings	103
Masonic literature	103
field activities	104
recommendations	105
statistical statement	106
summary	106
Elkton, J. W., brings greetings to Grand Lodge and Grand Master on behalf of Winston Lodge and Winston Chapter	157

F

Farmers Lodge petitions for change of name	95
Finance Committee recommends making of quit-claim to lot of defunct Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 441	187

G

Grand Lodge Officers:	
for year 5926, list of	7
present	12
election of	152
installed	188
Grand Custodians, list of	7
Grand Representative to Masonic Service Association	8
Grand Representative to George Washington Memorial Asso- ciation	8
Grand Master's address:	
fraternal dead	21
Oxford Orphanage	22
Orphans' Friend and Print Shop	23
Masonic and Eastern Star Home	24
George Washington Masonic National Memorial Associa. Masonic Loan Fund	25
Educational Field Work	26
Foreign Correspondence	26
Masonic Service Association	26
Custodians and Lecturers	27
District Deputies	27

history of North Carolina Masonry	28
consolidation	29
invasion of territory	31
rulings	31
recommendations	34
Masters of lodges suspended	36
dispensations	36
new Code and Digest	36
Masonic offenses	37
letters to subordinate lodges	38
the maimed and unfortunate	38
What does Masonry mean to us?	38
Grand Secretary's office	41
Order of the Eastern Star	41
visitations	42
Grand Custodians present at Grand Lodge	12
Grand Treasurer, report of	44
Grand Secretary, report of	53
Grand Auditor, report of	60
Grand Oration	61
Gilliland, James Lee, petitions for reinstatement	94
Gable, Brother, introduced	140

H

Henry F. Grainger Lodge make petition relative to dues	187
matter referred to incoming Grand Master and Finance Committee	187

I

In Memoriam:	
distinguished dead of other Grand Jurisdictions	245
Master Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction who passed away in 1925	246

J

Johnson, R. B., petitions for restoration	96
---	----

M

Masonic and Eastern Star Home:	
Board of Directors of	8
report of	130
per capita cost	130
health	130
new buildings	131
cold storage plant	131
Sudan Temple, A.A.N.M. Shrine	131
improvements for 1926	131
appreciation to the Grand Master	132
Doctor Wellons	132
real estate	132

York Rite literature	132
budget for 1926	133
operations	133
Grand Lodge appropriation	133
statistics for the Home	133
office and annual audit	133
conclusion	134
financial statement	134
Masonic Education, report of Committee on	123
Masonic Temple Committee, report of	125
Masonic Loan Fund, report of Committee on	158
N	
National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association, resolution relative to	119
O	
Oxford Orphanage:	
Board of Directors of	8
report of, to Grand Lodge	65
report of Superintendent to Board	70
report of Treasurer	79
report of Lady Supervisor	80
financial statement	84
Committee on, report of	166
Owen, J. Bailey, P.G.M., presents statement for Henry F. Grainger Lodge, No. 412	187
P	
Past Grand Masters:	
from 1787 to 1926, list of	6
present at Grand Lodge	12
Petition of:	
James Lee Gilliland, for reinstatement	94
Farmers' Lodge, for change of name	95
R. B. Johnson, for restoration	96
Phoenix, J. J., re-elected director of Masonic and Eastern Star Home	158
Q	
Quit-claim deed given for lot of Mt. Pleasant Lodge, No. 441, defunct	187
R	
Representatives of other Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of North Carolina	13
Representatives to Masonic Service Association make report	97
Representative J. E. Allen to George Washington Memorial Association makes report	180

Randell, Andrew L., P.G.M., Secretary Masonic Service Association, introduced and invited to address Grand Lodge	107
address of -----	107
Resolution by:	
James C. Braswell, P.G.M., relative to National Masonic Tuberculosis Sanatoria Association-----	119
R. C. Dunn, relative to instruction in ritualistic work-----	182
A. B. Andrews, P.G.M., relative to standardization of recognition of Grand Lodges-----	186
J. E. Allen, relative to recognition of York Grand Lodge of Mexico -----	186
Report of:	
Committee on Credentials-----	14
Grand Treasurer -----	44
Grand Secretary -----	53
Grand Auditor -----	60
Board of Directors Oxford Orphanage-----	65
Drewry Memorial Grand Secretary's Fund-----	89
Committee on Unfinished Business-----	95
W. W. Willson, Grand Secretary, as representative to Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada -----	96
seventh annual meeting of the Masonic Service Association	97
J. C. Braswell, P.G.M., as representative to Grand Masters' Conference -----	99
Educational Field Secretary-----	100
Board of General Purposes-----	122
Committee on Masonic Education-----	123
Committee on Propositions and Grievances-----	124
Masonic Temple Committee-----	125
Masonic and Eastern Star Home-----	130
Committee on Necrology-----	142
Committee on Masonic Loan Fund-----	158
Committee on Oxford Orphanage-----	166
Committee on Jurisprudence-----	167, 188
Board of Custodians-----	171
Finance Committee -----	173
Committee on Appeals-----	182
Committee on Charters and Dispensations-----	185
A. B. Andrews, P.G.M., as trustee of Permanent Fund-----	186
District Deputy Grand Masters-----	219
Royster, B. S., P.G.M., re-elected Director Oxford Orphanage	158
Randolph, W. F., re-elected Director of Masonic and Eastern Star Home -----	158

S

Special communications:	
Salisbury -----	196
Oxford -----	197
Enfield -----	211
Rutherfordton -----	217
Statistics:	
Grand Officers (elective) from 1787 to 1926-----	258

Grand Lodges, months of meeting, names of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries	263
Grand Representatives	266
Subordinate lodges, with names and addresses of Masters and Secretaries	270

T

Telegrams:

sent by Grand Secretary to Past Grand Masters and Grand Treasurer Lacy who were ill and absent from Grand Lodge	88
received by Grand Secreatry	140
sent by Grand Secretary	141, 194

W

Weaver, Rev. C. C.:	
delivers Grand Oration	61
thanked by Grand Lodge	65
Willson, W. W., Grand Secretary, presents report as representative to Masonic Relief Association of United States and Canada	96
Wolfe, Wm., presents gavel to Grand Lodge in behalf of Monroe Lodge, No. 244	183

Y

York Grand Lodge of Mexico recognized	188
---	-----